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Plans drawn up to revitalise outdoor market

PLANS to revitalise Oswestry's outdoor market have been launched with the lodging of a planning application to extend it further into the town centre.

Oswestry Town Council has submitted plans to allow the market to extend into Bailey Street and New Street, after a successful trial of an artisan market and concerns over flagging visitor numbers for the Wednesday and Saturday market.

A planning statement said: "The council is working closely with the Business Improvement District (BID) project to raise the quality of the town centre retail offer, to attract new visitors, and to improve the town centre generally

"However, it is clear that internet shopping and other competition has had an adverse effect on the number of market traders attending the town's Wednesday and Saturday outdoor markets on the Horsemarket and Bailey Head – particularly the Wednesday market, which has seen a sharp decline in the number of stalls in recent years.

"The indoor market on the Bailey Head has also been affected by the reduction of the outdoor market, and the resulting draw of shoppers. One of the findings of the Mary Portas project in the town centre was that the markets, and the town centre generally, need to be revitalised. One way to achieve this is to create activity in the streets, to draw in shoppers."

As a result of the pressures facing the market, the council has since June trialled the rebranded artisan market – to replace the old farmers' market – on Bailey Street and New Street, on the last Friday of each month. The statement says the artisan market is popular and has drawn shoppers into Bailey Street, Bailey Head and the indoor market.

COUNCIL FREEZES DAY CENTRE FEE

Report by Naomi Penrose

ELDERLY people in Welshpool will not have to pay more to attend its day centre, despite the county council approving plans to charge an extra £5 per day at centres in other towns.

Welshpool's day care centre was taken over by the town council in 2015, when it was announced Powys County Council was considering closing its day centres due to cuts.

This week, the county council cabinet approved plans to hike up the weekly cost of its day centres from £60 to £70, increase the daily charge from £10 to £15 per day, and increase the charge for meals provided at the day centres from £5 to £7.50 per day.

Cllr Bleivas

But the picture in Welshpool is very different, with the cost to attend remaining the same, while the Meals on Wheels service charge and meals at the day centre, which has now been officially renamed the Ann Holloway Centre in memory of the late town and county councillor, only increasing by 25p.

Councillor Estelle Bleivas said the town's day centre provides a "lifeline" to the most vulnerable and elderly. She said: "Saving the day centre was an absolute, complete necessity and to this day I'm glad that the centre continues to thrive and provide a lifeline to our town's elderly. They come and they enjoy the company of others, laughter and friendship, and good food, all of which are complete necessities.

"I knew of a woman who would only see her carer and that was twice a day for 15 minutes, you hear plenty of terribly upsetting cases where this happens and there are so many more we don't hear about. I know the budget cuts mean prices have to go up but I do think it's going to restrict those most in need."

The county council said the increase in its charge will generate an additional £30,200 for its adult social care budget. However, an impact assessment warned it could have a "detrimental" effect on those affected. People could refuse services and, therefore, have less monitoring.

School pitches in to safeguard playing field

Governor Vince Hunt with Maisie Ryan and Markus Tins and other pupils as he officially opens the new pitch at Woodside Primary

A PLAYING field so plagued with dog muck that it could not be used is now being cared for by a primary school.

Woodside School in Oswestry has taken a long lease of the community pitch and will ensure that local youth groups can use it out-of-hours.

A community asset transfer of the junior football pitch has allowed the school to put a fence up so that it can be kept free from litter and dog mess.

The New Saints Community Foundation is one of the groups planning sports sessions on the pitch. Head at Woodside, Rob McDevitt, is asking youth groups to contact him so arrangements can be made for them to use the facility.

"The pitch will provide our students with additional play space for them to exercise and learn new skills. Outside school time, local groups will be welcome to also make use of the pitch under very simple agreements," he said. "For anyone thinking the school is looking to build on the land we can reassure people that this is not possible under the terms of the lease with Shropshire Council. We are proud to be supporting the local community safeguarding such an asset for people in Oswestry."

Councillor Vince Hunt, a school governor, said: "The field was used by dog walkers, a minority of whom would not clean up after their pets. Children just could not play football on it. Now it can be hygienically cleaned and used, not only by the pupils but by the community after school."

HEALTH

Cautious welcome given to optimism over maternity unit

A HEALTH campaigner says she "cautiously welcomes" an MP's optimism about the long term future of Oswestry's midwife-led maternity unit.

Liz Grayston, founder of the Save Oswestry Maternity Unit campaign, has spoken out after bosses from Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust (SaTH) and Shropshire's Clinical Commissioning Group, insisted there are no plans to close the rural units in Oswestry, Ludlow and Bridgnorth, at the latest meeting of Oswestry Health Group.

North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson, who chaired the meeting on Friday, said it was an "extremely encouraging meeting".

He said: "Representatives from SaTH made it clear and with no hesitation that they have no plans to close Oswestry's unit."

But Mrs Grayston said she didn't think it's all as clear cut as that.

She said: "Obviously having it said on the record that there are no plans to close the units is great news but that's currently and as we know the CCG is undertaking a review of maternity services, so that doesn't mean to say that's the end of this. I'd be happier if they could say there were no plans to change the services that are currently provided because then that gives the assurance that there will be no changes and the units will remain open overnight."

CORONER

Inquest to open on canal death tragedy

THE inquest into the death of an elderly woman whose body was found in a canal near Oswestry will open today (Thursday).

The body of 94-year-old Brenda Heminsley, of Llanymynech, was found shortly before 6.30am on Thursday last week in the canal in Barley Meadows, Llanymynech. Anne Tugwell, a spokeswoman for West Mercia Police, said: "West Mercia Police is treating the death as unexplained and officers are preparing a report for the coroner."

The opening will be held at Shirehall in Shrewsbury.

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Prison for drug driver who led police on 88mph chase

Report by Elwyn Roberts

A MAN has been jailed after a court heard how he led police on a high-speed chase through Shropshire, including in the Oswestry area, while affected by cannabis.

Defendant Max Claridge, 24, travelled at speeds of almost 90mph as police followed him by car and helicopter.

He received a 13-month prison sentence at Mold Crown Court. He was also banned from driving for two and a half years and was ordered to take an extended driving test.

Judge Tracey Lloyd-Clarke said that if there had been a collision it could have resulted in serious injuries or even a fatality. There was, she said, a "high risk of harm" to other road users.

The pursuit went on for 32 miles over a half-hour period before he slowed down in the village of St Martins near Oswestry and jumped out of the silver VW Golf while it was still moving.

Claridge, of Mount Pleasant, Froncysyllte, ran off but was chased and caught by officers.

The force helicopter monitored the chase from the air and the judge said she saw footage that showed the chase went along narrow country lanes in the dark.

The lanes were twisting with many junctions and sharp bends but he had driven on the wrong side of the road and reached 88mph at one stage.

Prosecuting barrister Claire Jones said that the defendant was stopped by police on December 15 but as officers got out of their vehicle, he sped away along the A539 near Ruabon. Claridge was found to have more than twice the legal limit for cannabis in his blood. The court was told a stinger device was deployed by police, puncturing three of the car's tyres, but he continued to drive on.

Claridge pleaded guilty to dangerous driving, failing to stop and drug-driving when he appeared at the local magistrates' court.

Defending barrister John Hedgecoe said that it was clearly a prolonged piece of dangerous driving over a significant distance.

In interview, he was clearly shocked to see the film of his driving and he then realised how bad his driving was.

From that moment on he had shown genuine remorse.

Handy tips are passed on at art workshop

Rob Leckey shows off some artwork at the art workshop at Oswestry Cricket Club. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

TALENTED artist Rob Leckey passed on tips and advice at a workshop in Oswestry at the weekend.

Members of the Oswestry and District Society of Artists enjoyed a fascinating day at the Oswestry Cricket Club learning how to create a work of art without a paintbrush.

Mr Leckey gave demonstrations of his work using acrylics and collage before members tried their hand at producing a masterpiece under his watchful eye.

The artist applies acrylics with rollers, pieces of shaped wood, card and any found materials.

Collage materials could be torn or shaped tissue paper, newsprint, and magazine illustrations.

Details are also added with oil and chalk pastels.

Last year he published a book, Painting Without Brushes.

The society of artists organisation in Oswestry has been in existence since 1978 and is open to all. Each year there is a full programme of events, including workshops, talks, demonstrations, outdoor painting days, gallery visits and an annual dinner.

Carol James from the society said: "The society's main aim is to bring together like-minded people to share their interest in all forms of painting and drawing.

"New members keen to develop their skills as artists are very welcome."

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BID project continues to move forward

THE momentum behind a business-led initiative with the potential to transform Oswestry's local economy is growing with the announcement that both Shropshire Council and Oswestry Town Council are supporting the development of an Oswestry Business Improvement District, the leaders behind the project say.

"We are really pleased and appreciative of their support," said Oswestry BID chair, Gary Ridgway. "It shows that economic growth in Oswestry is high on the agenda, and they too believe that a Business Improvement District can make a significant strategic and practical difference to the town centre and industrial estate business community in short, medium and longer term."

The BID working group has identified five broad themes as the basis for discussion.

The themes include giving business a strategic voice in economic growth issues, impacting/influencing local infrastructure, aiming to promote Oswestry across in a way that connects business, culture, heritage and tourism, meeting the needs for skills and working collaboratively to enhance business landscape and environment.

The official launch of Oswestry BID was due to take place last night (Wednesday) at Carriages at the Cambrian Works.

Motorist banned for drink-driving

A MAN has been banned from the roads for 12 months after drink-driving.

Yordan Hristev, 42, of St James Close, Oswestry, was stopped by officers on York Street and breathalysed. He blew a reading of 46 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath above the legal limit of 35. Telford Magistrates Court heard Hristev worked as a packer at Sidoli's.

Before he was stopped on January 29, at 1.45am, he had been for a meal with cousins and had intended to stay overnight. But there had been an argument and he chose to leave, the court heard. He was banned from driving for 12 months and given the option of a rehabilitation course to reduce the length of his ban. He was also fined £250 and ordered to pay court costs of £135, plus a victim surcharge of £30.

Sky high ambitions for hot air balloon festival

Report by Naomi Penrose

ORGANISERS of a new balloon festival for Oswestry say they are determined to make it an "outstanding national event" – and are calling on businesses to get behind the venture.

The festival will be staged at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston on the outskirts of Oswestry.

The event is being run in collaboration with famous global adventurer Per Lindstrand who has a factory in the town which specialises in the manufacture of balloons and inflatable structures.

A sponsors' evening was held at the British Ironwork Centre on Wednesday night last week to explain to businesses how they could get involved.

Clive Knowles, chairman of the centre, said: "The balloon festival has been hosted by Llangollen for some years now and it has always been used as a method of creating much needed funds for Nightingale House Hospice.

"It is with considerable pride and excitement that Shropshire, and especially Oswestry, is able to bring this event from Wales, back to its home county to be hosted this summer, during August Bank Holiday weekend.

"This event has the potential to be quite incredible, bringing together in one venue, the most spectacular balloons from all over the world, not to mention the national and world media."

Over the weekend there will be, weather permitting, sunrise and late afternoon flights as well as a spectacular evening glow which will see tethered baskets power their burners to music to light up the inflated balloons.

Mr Knowles outlined various sponsorship opportunities available to businesses and added: "If we are going to make this an outstanding national event we need other partners. Anything that lifts this town, and lifts the county, we want to be spearheading that."

Mr Lindstrand attended the sponsors' evening and said: "We are very excited about this. The venue for this is perfect and we think Clive has done a fantastic job here."

Mr Lindstrand said he hoped the event would boost Oswestry adding: "Oswestry is a vibrant town. We are proud to be here and very proud to be associated with Clive."

Alex retires – after 43 years of service

Nurse Alex Radford, centre, with chief executive Mark Brandreth, left, surrounded by her colleagues

A NURSE who has worked 43 years at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital has retired.

Alex Radford was the blood transfusion facilitator in recovery at the hospital's theatre department. Friends and colleagues gave her a proper send-off on her last day, with flowers, champagne and a buffet.

Alex said: "It was very strange on the last day getting ready for work for the last time.

"I'll miss all my colleagues so much, but I am going to meet them as often as possible. I've loved every minute of working here, and I've had a motley band to work with.

"It's changed such a lot and some change is good, but I finally decided it was time to go. I'm going to miss all of the people I worked with. I'm now going to be a lady who lunches, do lots of craftwork and see my grandchildren."

Chief executive Mark Brandreth presented her with flowers and thanked her for her service on behalf of the trust and the board.

He said "I was two-years-old when Alex started working here. It's a remarkable achievement to have worked 43 years in the NHS, and even more incredible that she did it here in the same department. She is an outstanding individual who has worked hard to help make the hospital what it is today. I can't thank her enough for her dedication to the trust. So many of her colleagues took the time to see her off too. It's great to see, but ultimately sad that this amazing nurse is retiring."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Councillor faces suspension term

A POWYS county councillor faces suspension from council duties for breaching the Members Code of Conduct.

Councillor Aled Davies, who represents the Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant and Llansilin area, was suspended for two weeks following a hearing of the Standards Committee on Monday.

The hearing ruled that Councillor Davies, had breached the Code of Conduct for members – bringing his office or the council/authority into disrepute as a result of the breach. The breach relates to the prosecution of Councillor Davies under the Cattle Identification and Animal By-Products Regulations in 2015.

If Councillor Davies does not appeal against the ruling, the two week suspension will start 21 days from the formal notification of the adjudication.

Group will hear about astronomy

THIS month's meeting of North Shropshire & Borders Smallholding and Country Living Group will include a talk on astronomy.

Following on from Roger Jones's October talk on appreciating the night sky, the talk will be on "finding your way around the night sky".

The meeting is on Wednesday next week.

It will take place at The Bradford Arms in Llanymynech starting at 7.30pm and as usual anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along.

The cost for visitors is £3. For more information call the chairman on (01952) 740242 or go to the website at www.northshrop-smallholder.co.uk.

Gardens scheme is to start again

THE first opening of 2017 for the National Gardens Scheme in Powys will be Oak Cottage at 23 High Street in Welshpool on Sunday between 2pm and 5pm.

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William Hague

MPs not keen on snap election idea

THE Prime Minister should concentrate on Brexit and resist the temptation to call a snap election, the region's MPs have said.

Former Tory leader, William Hague, who now lives at Cyfronydd Hall near Welshpool, had urged Theresa May to call an early election arguing she would have a better chance of making Brexit a success if she secured a decisive majority in the Commons. But North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson disagreed with the suggestion.

He said: "We should not have an election immediately. At the moment the people don't like politics and don't like politicians. The run-up to the last election was much longer than most and then we had the referendum. I would get on with the job of delivering Brexit, it is an absolute priority. We have a small majority but it is enough."

MP for Montgomeryshire, Glyn Davies, said: "Theresa May has said very clearly that she is not going to, and I don't see her changing her mind.

"She's not a leader who likes to change her mind.

"We have in place the Fixed Term Parliament Act which stipulates that the next general election will be held in early May 2020 unless either two thirds of MPs vote for one, or there is a vote of 'no confidence' in the government and a new government cannot be formed in 14 days."

Mr Davies said "really challenging discussions would begin for the government" with Article 50 being invoked.

Inquest on aqueduct death is adjourned for report

Report by Sue Austin

AN inquest on a teenager who fell to his death from the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct near Oswestry has been adjourned for an independent report into the construction of the parapet on the historic structure.

The family of Christopher McDowell, 18, known as Kris, who died on May 31 last year, said they wanted to know why the upright he was holding gave way leading to the tragedy.

Mr McDowell, from Coronation Road, Cefn Mawr, near Wrexham, worked at the Splash Magic Leisure Centre in Plas Madoc as a lifeguard and volunteer. The Canal and River Trust that manages the aqueduct, part of the Llangollen Canal World Heritage Site, had put a report it had commissioned from an independent expert to the inquest.

North Wales East and Central coroner John Gittins agreed to the family's request for a new report when he re-opened the inquest at the Guildhall in Wrexham on Thursday last week.

He said the report should include how the upright Mr McDowell was holding when he fell, came to give way.

"I have to have all the evidence before me when looking at any deaths, whether an elderly person or in this case an 18-year-old with his whole life before him," he said.

He said he was also considering whether there should be a jury for the resumed inquest.

It was adjourned for a date to be fixed.

Mr Gittins said he would give consideration to summonsing a jury for the hearing.

The inquest was first opened in June.

A post-mortem examination had given chest trauma as the provisional cause of Mr McDowell's death.

He was found at the base of the 120-foot tall aqueduct.

Floral tributes were left for Mr McDowell from family and friends at the aqueduct following the tragedy.

Woman had sex with boy

A 23-year-old woman was discovered by a housemate in bed with a schoolboy aged 15, a judge was told.

Janie Emery, now 24, was given a 12-month suspended prison sentence after pleading guilty to two charges of having under-age sex.

She was also ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work by Caernarfon Crown Court and must also complete two years of a rehabilitation programme which will include sexual awareness and victim empathy. A 10-year sexual harm prevention order limits any contact with boys under 16 and Emery has to sign the sex offenders' register for the same period.

Jonathan Austin, prosecuting, said the boy had told police it had been consensual.

Passing sentence Judge Niclas Parry described Emery, of Pentrefelin Terrace, Welshpool, as "vulnerable," with health problems throughout her life.

Calls for fairer school funds

Campaigners from throughout Shropshire attended the march on Saturday

HUNDREDS of teachers, parents and pupils joined a march on Saturday demanding fairer funding for Shropshire's schools.

Roads in Shrewsbury were closed as demonstrators weaved their way from Castle Lawns to the Quarry, chanting and blowing whistles as they marched. It comes amid new figures released by unions that claim Shropshire's schools will lose a total of £13.4 million in funding by 2019. Unions claim that will lead to a shortfall of £394 per pupil and an equivalent loss of 360 teachers across Shropshire. The Marches School in Oswestry, which has 1,220 pupils, will lose £522,032 by 2019, according to the unions – the equivalent loss of 15 teachers. Primary schools will also be affected the unions say and say for example Woodside Primary School in Oswestry will have a budget change by 2019 of £241,558. The Government proposes to re-allocate school budgets according to a new national funding formula and not increase funding per pupil in line with inflation.

North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson is urging people to take part in the consultation. The closing date for consultation is March 22.

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Business owner is fearful of impact of energy park

Report by Naomi Penrose

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a renewable energy park – featuring a 101 metre high wind turbine and 2,500 solar panels – could "scar the local landscape and community for years to come", a business owner has warned.

Miles Hunter, owner of the Pen-y-Dyffryn Hotel in Rhydycroesau, near Oswestry, says he and the rest of the community "viciously object" to the proposals for the Cefn y Maes Community Renewable Energy Park.

The proposal is earmarked for land near Oswestry's Old Racecourse at Rhydycroesau.

The developers behind the scheme, renewables firm Engena Limited, have submitted plans for one wind turbine, 2,588 solar panels assembled in rows of four panels deep, two containers for energy storage equipment, a substation and ancillary infrastructure. The energy park, covering 1.70 hectares of farmland, would provide electricity for more than 550 homes.

Mr Hunter said: "There are a number of issues with this application, one of the principle issues being the height of the turbine, it will be a massive blot on the landscape, as it will be visible from Oswestry Racecourse, the Ceiriog Valley, the Berwyns and even from the A5 coming from Shrewsbury.

"This will no doubt have a huge impact on tourism, and you have to remember the tourism industry in this part of Shropshire is fledging, it's still not established in this part of the county, and all of my custom comes from tourists, people coming here for short breaks and holidays.

"Last year we were awarded for having the best countryside views, people come here because of our beautiful, unspoilt countryside and that could be destroyed if these plans go ahead."

Mr Hunter said another issue that faces both tourists and local residents if the plans are approved, is major traffic disruption, because of the heavy goods vehicles travelling to and from the site.

He said: "The developer's draft planning application to Powys Council estimates over 1,300 heavy goods vehicles in the first six months, with many exceptional loads, some over 30 metres long. Vehicles will also have to navigate through Oswestry town itself, so major traffic disruption is inevitable for road users."

Mr Hunter has criticised the "fragmented and disjointed" planning process.

He said the application for the energy park will be looked at by Powys County Council, while the supporting access and electricity infrastructure applications will go before Shropshire Council for consideration.

Fee request puts festival in 'jeopardy'

OSWESTRY'S food festival could be in jeopardy if the organisers have to make a payment to the town council, it has been claimed.

The festival celebrated its 10th anniversary last year, attracting thousands to the two-day July weekend that sees food and drink stalls line the streets.

At a meeting of Oswestry Town Council in 2016 it was suggested the organisers of the festival make a contribution to the council for the help it is given over the two days. Now festival director John Waine has written to councillors asking for a re-think over the request for the money.

"It was suggested that the festival contribute to Oswestry Town Council at sum in the area of £2,000," he said. "Were we to meet this, giving the rising costs of power, insurance and promotion it would mean increasing the fees that are already at a limit for many local traders.

"We do not feel it is to the benefit of the festival, the town or the council, that the sustainability of the festival be risked in this fashion."

He said that when looked at in context of other large town events supported by the town council, such as Christmas Live and the youth music festival, the food festival probably provided the greatest benefits at the lowest costs.

The town council's markets and car parks committee were due to meet last night (Wednesday) to discuss the letter.

Injured jumper to sue venue

Sarah McManus with the brace she has to wear following her injury

A WOMAN is taking legal action against a trampoline park after she fractured her spine on a jump.

Sarah McManus, 29, from Oswestry, has to wear a back brace after suffering serious injuries on a tower jump. The accident happened at the Flip Out centre in Chester. The personal assistant, who works at the British Ironwork Centre, said she went from being an outdoor enthusiast and keen walker to struggling to put her socks and shoes on.

Miss McManus said: "I followed the instructions on the sign and landed in the seated position as suggested, but when I hit the foam, I heard a crack in my back and felt like I'd been winded.

"I was barely able to breathe and couldn't shout for help so I had to throw some of the foam sponges in the air to get attention."

She was taken to hospital and it was discovered she had fractured her T12 vertebra.

Following her injury, three other people all reportedly suffered back injuries on the same attraction, which has since been replaced.

A spokesman for Flip Out Chester said: "Since opening in December, more than 200,000 people have visited Flip Out Chester and we have an excellent safety record. Safety is our number one priority and we strive to ensure that everyone who visits can enjoy all of the activities in a safe environment. We welcome feedback from our customers and we are investigating these claims to establish exactly what happened."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

A report in this newspaper last week said that Welshpool Town Council was happy with the town's one-way system – well here's one town councillor who doesn't agree, and I know I'm not the only one.

The controversial system was installed with the backing of the local council. Many of those councillors are no longer on the authority and I do wonder just how a vote would go today if the same plans were on the table, though I accept hindsight is a wonderful gift. No matter how many tweaks and adjustments are made no-one will ever convince me that the system, which the town now suffers, was the best choice – although it was probably the most cost-effective.

Nearly all town and county council calls for changes have fallen on deaf ears in the corridors of Welsh Government, despite former Transport Minister Edwina Hart's near-miss when her chauffeur-driven car was almost swiped off the street by a white van man. You might have thought that would have been enough to prompt immediate action but instead she commissioned a study into changing Union Street back to a two- way system at the council's suggestion. That was back in 2015 and Ms Hart has since departed of course.

While some minor improvements have taken place other promised changes are still awaited and there is no doubt that the system is seriously flawed – particularly in emergency situations. I've written to Ms Hart's successor Ken Skates for an update and at the time of writing still await his response. Mr Skates is a rising star in the Labour administration and while I accept he is likely to quote austerity as an excuse I am hopeful he may find it within his powers to respect the views of the local people and approve the requested changes.

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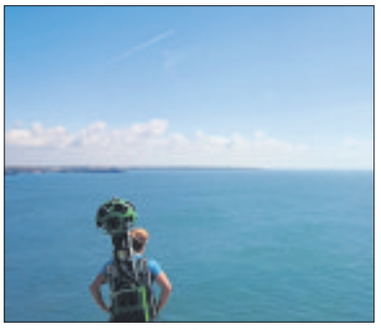
Last week I had the honour of making a presentation to a wonderful Welshpool man on his 100th birthday and was humbled by the gratitude of a veteran, who risked everything for his country when he took part in the Normandy Invasion.

Elvet Davies is an inspirational figure who enjoys the independence he fought so bravely for. He lives alone, cares for himself and is in amazingly good health and spirits. In fact most days of the week he catches the bus into town to do his shopping and even enjoys a daily flutter in his local bookies.

Hopefully none of us alive today will have to endure the kind of horrors he witnessed back in those dark days but we could certainly all learn from this proud Welsh speaker who goes about his daily life without complaint. "I'm just lucky, I suppose," he said.

You can now be out and about in the Gower while sitting in your armchair in Welshpool



The stunning views off Skomer Island you can enjoy from your armchair

Collecting imagery at Oxwich to give people a 360 degree panoramic view and create a virtual tour

Special sites and trails are now available to all

Some of Wales's iconic walks and sites have now become more accessible, reports KAREN COMPTON

BEFORE you visit somewhere, just to see what a place is like, or if you have no chance of visiting somewhere and you just want to see what it's like, many people use technology to open up the world for them.

It is a wonderful tool to have access to but have you ever been on Google Maps and picked up the yellow 'Pegman' to explore an area in Street View, only for the imagery to stop at the end of the road?

Well, the area of Wales on Google Maps has just got a little bit bigger.

People can now 'walk' some of Wales's iconic trails and paths from the comfort of their armchair after Natural Resources Wales (NRW) teamed up with Google to add special sites to Google Street View.

The aim of the project was to collect imagery from a selection of the sites to give people a 360 degree panoramic view and create a virtual tour, allowing anyone to explore a site before they visit in real life.

The imagery also creates a snapshot in time of the sites from many different angles, allowing change to be monitored and its use as an educational tool.

The hope is that by reducing some of the uncertainty of exploring the outdoors, more people will be encouraged to visit, enjoy and learn about the wonderful Welsh outdoors.

This project is part of NRW's commitment to help more people get active and enjoy the outdoors.

With the sites chosen and a network of keen staff volunteers ready to go, it was time to get out and start walking in some of Wales's most spectacular countryside with the Street View Trekker.

One of the trekkers filming on Skomer Island for the new digital feature on Google Maps

Choosing from so many fantastic potential places was difficult. The trekkers only had one summer and could only trek when it wasn't raining – which, being Wales limited the total trekking time. But they still managed to capture most of the key special sites and places of interest.

From Newborough Warren to the Wye Valley woodlands they trekked over 40 different paths across Wales, totalling over 200km.

The mapped areas include the Lower Wye Valley woodlands, Cwm Rhaeadr – Waterfall walk, Dyfi National Nature Reserve, Ynyslas walk and Cors Fochno walk, Newborough Saint, Sand and Sea Trail, Newport Wetlands National Nature Reserve, Oxwich National Nature Reserve, Gower woodlands, Swansea Bay and Mumbles Hill Local Nature Reserve.

Trekking causes quite a stir – walking around with 23 kilos of batteries, cameras (15 of them) and GPS units in a backpack is certainly a way of attracting attention to yourself.

Most people who saw this strange looking device couldn't resist coming to ask about it. The trekkers said it was great to hear first-hand how much people loved visiting these sites.

There are some places they wouldn't have been able to trek without the help of their partners including the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, Swansea University, Merthyr Mawr Estate, the RSPB and the City and County of Swansea.

Max Stokes, Natural Resources Planning Officer said: "We look after loads of sites across Wales where people can go running, walking and mountain biking.

"Launching the digital maps with Google means we can now showcase these special places on a global platform.

"We hope that this 'virtual warden' experience will encourage more people to get out and enjoy the outdoors."

The maps include routes along the boardwalks at Cors Caron, through Dyfi Ynyslas Nature Reserve and around the beautiful waterfall country in the Brecon Beacons.

And this was all completed by NRW staff who volunteered to be involved.

Max Stokes continued: "We had over 60 members of staff who walked over 40 individual routes with the Street View Trekker.

"The camera was worn like a backpack so we could capture trails only accessible by foot."

WORKING FOR YOU

Last week was dominated by the Budget. The Chancellor of the Exchequer told us it will be the last 'Spring Budget'.

In future there will be just one budget per year and it will be delivered in the Autumn.

Any responsible budget always has to take account of the national finances.

Throughout the current year, the Government is spending/investing over one billion pounds more every week than it is raising. This level of borrowing is deeply unfair to our children and grandchildren, who will eventually have to deal with the debt. Despite, the very good news last week that growth was higher than we thought, and the current year's deficit is a bit less than predicted, the Chancellor rightly decided that his budget must be fiscally neutral.

Any extra spending has to be matched by spending reductions elsewhere.

The main extra spending announced by the Chancellor was for social care and for extra investment in training and education.

I was particularly supportive of help for social care. We are, on average, living much longer. Inevitably the cost of care through these extra years of life is comparatively high. We should look on the two billion extra (one billion in 2017/18) as a first step. We must also accept that while unemployment is at record levels, our productivity must improve. Investment in training and education is crucial as the UK develops new trading links across the world. Much the most controversial tax change in the Budget has been to raise Class 4 National Insurance Contribution by two per cent over next two years, impacting on the self-employed. There is very public disagreement whether this is a 'broken promise' from the Conservative Party's 2015 manifesto. The Chancellor is adamant that the 'election promise' related only to Class 1 contributions – which is what 85 per cent of the working population pays.

But the bigger question is whether it's a sensible tax change. Usually, we look to the Institute of Fiscal Studies for the authoritative unbiased judgement. The IFS has welcomed the change, describing the current system as "distorting decisions, creating complexity and is unfair". The IFS also points out that the current rapid switch from being employed to being self has left the Chancellor with little option. But as someone who has always been self-employed, I can fully understand the disappointment, and there may well be more change before this comes into effect. I can envisage fierce debate when this issue comes before Parliament.

Glyn Davies
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A: When a Letter before Proceedings is issued it unfortunately means that the Local Authority (Social Services) thinks there are issues with the way in which a child is being cared for. By sending you this letter, the Local Authority is informing you that they are considering making an application to the Family Court to potentially take your child into care, or make any other arrangements in relation to your child's welfare or accommodation, as they see fit. These are called Care Proceedings.

There are various reasons why the Local Authority may be concerned about your child and this could involve concerns regarding issues such as the child's safety, health or education. The letter you have received should tell you why the Local Authority has concerns.

The meeting to which you have been invited is known as a PLO meeting. It will involve you and the Local Authority discussing their concerns and trying to reach an agreement on the best way forwards. Sometimes it is possible for a parent to prove to the Local Authority that they can make the required changes and prevent the matter from going to Court. Conversely it may be too late to change their minds.

Local Authorities actively encourage that a Solicitor is present at such a meeting and you may be able to get Legal Aid to help you fund this.You might therefore consider appointing a specialist lawyer who can attend the meeting with you, advise you of your options and put your points across in the best possible way.

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Late opening will only add to pressure

SO the doctors must now open their surgeries every day from early morning to later in the evening.

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Surgeries are already closing and undermanned.

Many others have a too swift replacement of staff.

This will put even more pressure on overstretched doctors.

When will they find time to share with others their knowledge, their need of ongoing training, asking and giving advice to each other? When will they have time for asking and giving advice to patients after having time to really listen to them and absorb what they have said, especially when the patients have some difficulty expressing themselves, for various reasons?

When, if they can get more doctors, will they see their families and be able to have a life of their own?

It won't be just the doctors, it will be all their staff.

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Yes, the idea is great.

But is it really possible, when there are not even the number of medical students preparing?

It's not hopeless, but the whole thing can't be launched without everyone knowing, understanding and being willing and able to take their part in the whole new recipe for the NHS and its clients.

B A FLOWERS
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Youngsters pose with the harvest in 1920s

This picture was sent in by Tom Casewell, of Llynclys, and had the caption: "Mangold harvest near Oswestry, 1920s. Three youngsters pose behind a heap of mangold wurzels at Berghill Farm, Middleton.'' Mr Casewell added a note saying "50 tonnes to the acre."

The theory of sparing the rod has left us in a huge mess

IT has finally been realised that knife crime, especially amongst the young, is totally out of control (BBC news).

What do people expect? For years the politically correct brigade have slowly eroded all control in the education and bringing up of children and their theories regarding sparing the rod have not worked. Teachers and parents are prosecuted for giving someone a deserved slap and any form of corporal punishment is totally banned.

In each of the schools which I attended during the forties and fifties there was some form of chastisement, usually the cane, but I don't recall many children getting a beating.

The threat was enough.

My contemporaries were all from tough working class backgrounds and almost all of them grew up to respect the law and become good hardworking citizens because their upbringing was strict.

Rarely did I hear of someone despising their parents or teachers for having received strict discipline in early life.

Today some parents can see no wrong in their little angels and too readily jump to their defence often assaulting any teacher who dares punish bad behaviour. When my children went to school the teachers had my authority to control their behaviour because they were in charge. Suffice to say my children did not get beaten at home or school because they knew the threat was there.

ADRIAN WILLIAMS
Bratton

Let us play to our strengths

GIVEN Prime Minister Theresa May's stated objectives she should, when serving notice to leave under the Article 50 procedure, tell the European Commission that, whilst we are determined to sever all other formal ties with the European Union, if the member states wish to continue trading with us on the present basis the choice is theirs.

As things stand the terms of trade between the UK and the EU are those that have been previously unanimously agreed by all concerned so why open a veritable can of worms by seeking to re-negotiate them? If the 27 other EU member states consider this proposition unacceptable then we would find ourselves dealing with them on World Trade Organisation terms. As this is probably where we shall end up anyway why waste two years negotiating, especially because, with the EU, nothing is ever agreed until everything is agreed? By precipitating an early decision on our future relationship with the EU we would, at a stroke, end the debilitating uncertainty and save the British taxpayer literally billions of pounds in future contributions.

Putting ourselves in the position of supplicant at the EU's table by seeking to negotiate 'the best possible deal' weakens our negotiating hand and demeans our great nation.

CHRISTOPHER GILL
Bridgnorth

Trump is a breath of fresh air for the United States

I SEE that the American Democrats are making waves about Donald Trump's appointment of his son-in-law in his administration saying it is illegal as they are related.

Let me remind them that "Bobby", Robert F Kennedy, was campaign manager for his brother JFK, and later went on to be appointed attorney general in his administration.

So, if you happen to be a Democrat it's fine, but if you're a Republican it's a no no.

Donald's son-in-law, unlike the Kennedy clan is not related by blood, so I really don't see what all the fuss is about, obviously a case of sour grapes because Hillary blew it and Obama is doing all that he can to sabotage the Republican Party, firstly by accusing Russia of tapping into Democratic Party members' info, allegedly helping Donald to win, and secondly deporting Russian diplomats from America.

Donald is like a breath of fresh air, muchneeded by the American electorate.

MARTIN EDDIES
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True cost of prescriptions

I SAW on TV that a doctors surgery is now checking that patients are using their prescriptions as they should and not having repeats which they do not need.

I know that for years this has been going on, especially with elderly patients, who when they pass away, bin bags of unused medicine are returned to the pharmacy which have to be disposed of, so it's costing the NHS lots of money, which the NHS needs.

M GRIFFIN
Telford

A few things for Mrs May to get on with during 2017

THE 2017 to-do list for Theresa May:

1. Indict Blair, Carney, Clarke and Clegg for treason.

2. Tell Brussels that the UK will leave the EU on June 23, 2017.

Reciprocal trade agreements will remain in place, if the EU still wants access to the British market, while we take back control of our borders, and are exempt from all EU legislation. No ifs, no buts, au revoir, auf wiedersehen.

3. Inform Nicola Sturgeon that her refusal to support Brexit will result in the cessation of funding from Westminster for ship building and all other industrial and infrastructure projects.

4. Make available immediate funding to reopen all the A&E units closed under Cameron.

5. Recommend a knighthood in the 2018 New Year's Honours list for the greatest statesman since Winston Churchill, who has fought tirelessly to free this country from the shackles of the EU; Nigel Farage.

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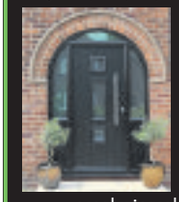

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It comes as BT announced a nationwide apprenticeship drive in an effort to equip young people with the skills and training needed to meet the challenges of the changing jobs market.

This year's BT apprentice and graduate recruitment, which includes mobile operator EE, will see the new employees work in a variety of roles, ranging from customer service, vehicle maintenance and finance to cyber security and software development.

Colin Bannon, chairman of BT's West Midlands regional board, said: "This latest major recruitment is a further example of BT's commitment to the West Midlands as one of the region's leading employers and investors."

Demonstration 'well supported'

ORGANISERS of a demonstration in Oswestry in support of the NHS said they were pleased with how the event went.

Approximately 20 Labour Party supporters took part in the event in Festival Square and Bailey Street on March 4 to coincide with national events.

Organisers said the public's response was "overwhelmingly warm and sympathetic". Karen Moore, chair of Oswestry and District Labour Party, said: "The cuts to social care and benefits have had a devastating knock-on effect.

"Cuts to home support for the elderly are the main cause of 'bed-blocking' by elderly patients, with some surgeons unable to operate because of the shortage of beds."

Responder dismissed over paper shredding

Report by Naomi Penrose

A VOLUNTEER community first responder has been dismissed after shredding patient forms.

Effie Cadwallader who has been a first responder in St Martins, near Oswestry, for 11 years, breached the Data Protection Act in destroying the records, West Midlands Ambulance Service said.

But the news has prompted outrage in the local community, with a petition launched calling for her to be reinstated.

In a Facebook post, her husband Les said the issue related to two sheets of paper that an ambulance crew had declined to take but that Mrs Cadwallader was not allowed to keep, which she then shredded.

Jamie Arrowsmith, a spokesman for WMAS, said the trust had been left with "no option". "It was with great regret that we terminated Mrs Cadwallader's volunteer agreement as she had been a very dedicated member of the team," he said. He said Mrs Cadwallader had admitted destroying patient report forms.

He added: "These legal documents describe the treatment received by a patient and as such could be requested by a coroner or other court.

"By destroying them, Mrs Cadwallader has breached the Data Protection Act. The trust is examining whether this breach needs to be reported to the Information Commissioner's Office."

A petition has been launched by village supermarket Stans Superstore to reinstate her. Robert Faulks, one of the partners, has called the action of the ambulance service "disgusting". He added:"Effie is a well-respected member of the community, known by all and always seen in her red uniform. We at Stans knew her well, for when she attended to our customers and staff over the years."

A petition has been launched for the reinstatement of community first responder Effie Cadwallader

Councillor gives recycle sites pledge

A WELSHPOOL councillor says he will call on Powys County Council to fully reinstate household waste recycling centres after the May elections.

County and Town Councillor Graham Breeze says he will continue his fight for seven-day recycling centres after confirmation about opening times and vehicle restrictions at the sites.

Powys County Council has announced the centres will only open for three days a week from April 3 and has revealed a list of restricted vehicles that will not be allowed – including vans.

Councillor Breeze said: "Powys County Council has stepped down on plans to close the Welshpool site completely but has still gone too far with these decisions.

"We must not allow these Cabinet decisions to go unchallenged and will get the ideal opportunity when a new council is formed after the May 4 elections.

"Already five of the nine Cabinet members have announced they will not be standing for re-election so there will be a vastly different look to the senior team in May."

Drivers can 'beat the tax increase'

A VAUXHALL sale event designed to 'Beat the Tax Increase' is announced by award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs of Oswestry and Newtown.

The new car sale will be held at both branches from tomorrow (Friday) until Tuesday and for all new Vauxhalls sold and registered by the end of the month there will be a £500 pre-paid debit gift card.

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Changes to town bollard scheme are postponed

THE electronic operating of bollards on a part-pedestrianised road has been postponed as local authorities work together to find a way of re-opening empty shops.

A transport and townscape report on Oswestry will be published in the next few weeks which amongst its studies has been looking at whether some streets could be open to traffic again.

The working group and Oswestry Town Council objected to a move by Shropshire Council to replace the manual operation of bollards that open and shut streets, including Cross Street and Albion Hill in mornings and evenings, with an automatic system.

They said that any decision should not be taken until the review of the transport system in the town was complete. Some shopkeepers have asked for the re-opening of Cross Street to traffic to help boost the area. Currently town council staff manually operate the bollards.

Leader of Shropshire Council, Malcolm Pate, has now stepped in to postpone a decision. Oswestry town clerk, David Preston, said: "I have received a request from the leader of Shropshire Council to continue with the opening and closing of the bollards between 10am and 4pm for the next two to three months." During a visit to Oswestry last month to formally open a mosaic and artwork at the Baby Bird cafe in Cross Street Mr Pate pledged that the unitary authority would help look at ways of bringing several empty shops in the street back into use.

A meeting of the Oswestry Joint Economic Board was held last week to discuss how the Cross Street area could be revitalised.

Three leading councillors are to leave authority

Report by Naomi Penrose

THREE leading Powys County Councillors have announced they are to leave the authority in May ahead of the forthcoming local elections.

Among those standing down are the council's leader Barry Thomas who said he would not be standing for re-election.

Councillor Thomas, who has represented the Llanfihangel Ward for more than 20 years and has been leader of the council since January 2014, said he is taking a complete break from local government.

He said: "I have decided to announce my intention to stand down as a county councillor now so that the residents of my ward have plenty of time to consider their options and take time to identify another candidate."

The council's deputy leader and finance boss has also announced he is to leave the council in May.

Councillor Wynne Jones said his one regret from his time at the council was that they had been unable to transform the education service and he warned the council is in danger of letting down the county's children.

Also standing down is Councillor Graham Brown, who also served as the council's deputy leader.

Councillor Brown said: "After 30 years as a district and county councillor I have decided to step down and not seek re-election to the county council.

"It has been an honour to represent Llandrinio on the council and I am grateful for the support I have received from my community."

Homecoming joy for circus team

Circus Funtasia, which is returning to Oswestry, has a host of amazing performers. Photo: Steve Mitchell.

THE next generation of circus performers are about to return to Oswestry.

Growing up in Oswestry, Tracy Jones's first job was at Knockin Egg Farm. But when a touring circus came to town she fell in love with the bright lights of the big top and swapped chickens for performing horses.

After a successful career as an aerial performer, Tracy and husband Julio set up their own show in 2013. Following the success of the first four years of Circus Funtasia, their brand new show for 2017 will be bringing the next generation of circus performers home to Oswestry.

"Our talented acrobats Duo Stefaneli are back, with two dramatic gravity-defying performances," explained Tracy, founder and ring mistress. "And we welcome Duo Peris, all the way from Spain, who will be wowing audiences with their incredible roller-skating act and aerial feats."

The show also features Tracy and Julio's daughter, Nia Nikolova Jones, who at 13 is currently the youngest juggler performing in the UK with her own act.

"Our all-human show is very contemporary, with modern music and fast-paced comedy," Tracy revealed. "We are so excited to be back in my hometown."

This show runs from Wednesday next week until March 26 at Oswestry Showground. Visit www.circusfuntasia.co.uk or call 07706168507 for more details.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sponsored walk in aid of college

A SPONSORED walk to raise money for the Derwen College at Gobowen will take place on April 2, with a new route and start time.

All donations from the walk be going towards the 2017 fundraising target of £50,000 which is needed to replace the heating system in the swimming pool at the college. The students, who have learning disabilities, use the pool for sport, recreation, hydro and physio therapies, as well as training for Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. This year the annual walk will start and finish at the college, with registration starting from 1pm and the walk will get under way at 1.30pm. The 10k route also includes a 6k option as well as a 1k woodland walk on-site option. Louise Keevil, director of corporate and charity services at the college, said: This is just one of many events taking place this year to celebrate our 90th birthday. and we look forward to sharing our story over the year." Information and sponsor forms can be requested from bookings@derwen.ac.uk or visit www.derwen.ac.uk/events

Man denies £68k theft allegation

A 53-year-old man from Oswestry has appeared in court charged with theft.

Gary Taylor, of Vicarage Drive, is accused of stealing part of a credit balance totalling £68,000 from a HSBC bank account belonging to Vida Horsburgh between January 2011 and December 2015.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge when he appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court last week.

Judge Peter Barrie adjourned the case.

The court judge told Taylor that a trial date will be set for later in the year.

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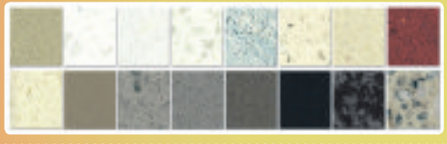

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Walkers enjoy St David's Day stroll

THE customary St David's Day canal walk organised by the Friends of the Montgomery Canal, was, this year, promoted jointly with the Canal & River Trust local regional office.

The walk, led by Vic Smith, attracted 19 participants, who, after an introductory short talk, embarked on a leisurely three-mile circular walk from the Llanymynech Wharf Visitor Centre to the Vyrnwy Aqueduct by way of the field paths from the village returning along the canal towpath, stopping for a brief coffee break at the attractive Carreghofa Locks.

The Welshpool Ramblers will, in conjunction with the Inland Waterways Association, be organising an extended 'heritage walk' from the same location on July 9.

Details will be available nearer this date in the local press or on the ramblers website www.ramblers.org.uk

Life in space is topic of speech

THE speaker at Welshpool Rotary Club lunch on Wednesday last week was Rtn Bill Rowell, who talked about the possibility of finding intelligent life in space.

The vote of thanks was given by Fiona Potts.

President Mike Pepper confirmed at the meeting that arrangements for the forthcoming visit of the Canadian exchange students were in place.

Rtn Ros Jones reported that two teams from Welshpool High School had attended the District Final of Rotary Youth Speaks at Wrexham on Friday, March 3.

Annabelle Casement was deemed to be the best chairperson in the senior section, though her team was not placed. The intermediate team came third in their section.

Chefs give PM a taste of the best Welsh produce

Report by Naomi Penrose

A TEAM of Welsh chefs, including one from Welshpool, brought an authentic flavour of Wales to a St David's Day reception hosted by Prime Minister Theresa May at 10 Downing Street.

Six chefs from the Culinary Association of Wales (CAW) were invited to prepare savoury and sweet canapes for 210 VIP guests at the reception, organised by Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns.

The team was led by Michael Bates, executive head chef at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport and included CAW president Arwyn Watkins, managing director of Cambrian Training Company, Welshpool.

Also in the team were Richard Davies and Simon Crockford from the Celtic Manor Resort, Hefin Roberts from Castell Howell Foods and CAW board member Toby Beevers from Purchasing Systems Limited. They were accompanied by Glenn Lewis, food and beverage director.

A selection of Welsh food and drink producers, including Welsh whisky, beer and wine as well as cheese from Snowdonia and Welsh cakes, also attended the reception where Welsh choir, Côr Heol y March, performed.

The Prime Minister said: "This reception is about celebrating everything that Wales has to offer to the world and there is indeed much to celebrate.

"This proud country – and a special part of our United Kingdom – is home to some of the greatest talent and industry in the world.

"And we can see that right here today."

The team of chefs with Prime Minister Theresa May and Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns

Fire prompts warning on candles use

FIRE chiefs are urging families to take care with candles after a serious house blaze was believed to have been caused by an unattended flame setting fire to a dressing gown in a bedroom during Storm Doris earlier this month.

Crews from Welshpool Fire Station attended the house fire at a semi-detached property in Oldford View when the property was well alight.

Head of response for Powys command, Neil Evans said: "At its peak, five appliances and 20 firefighters were at the scene, bringing the fire under control.

"It was discovered that the cause of the fire was a candle burning in a bedroom on the first floor.

"The most important step you can take to keep yourself and your loved ones safe is to ensure your home has a working smoke alarm. To prevent candle fires from starting in your home, you should make sure your candles are kept away from flammable materials like curtains and ensure candles are put out when you leave the room, even for a moment.

"Left unattended, an open flame could start a devastating fire."

Fundraising for event continues

FUNDRAISING for the 2017 Welshpool 1940s weekend continues in earnest with a coffee morning in the Church House on Saturday followed by a sell-out rock n roll night again in the Church House.

Full details of the weekend and fundraising events can be found on Facebook at Welshpool Forties Weekend, twitter @Welshpool 1940s or the website www.welshpool1940sweekend.co.uk

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Move to get flag status for The Rec

WELSHPOOL'S recreation ground could soon be recognised as one of the best green spaces in the country.

Town councillors are seeking the prestigious Green Flag Status for Maesydre Recreation Ground – the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in the UK.

The council's services and property committee is recommending the application, saying Maesydre meets the high standards laid down by the Green Flag Award scheme.

Not only the home of Welshpool Town FC, Maesydre, known locally as 'The Rec', also serves the rest of the community and sports teams with its array of pitches and facilities including its junior football pitch, Scansis all weather pitch at Oldford, a rugby pitch, cricket pitch, two bowling greens, hockey pitch, showers and changing rooms, children's playgrounds, and even a skate park.

Councillor Graham Breeze, council services and property committee chairman, described the recreation ground as the "jewel in Welshpool's crown".

The recommendation will be heard later this month by the March meeting of Welshpool Town Council.

Twelve televisions are stolen in raid

OFFICERS are investigating after 12 televisions were stolen from a garage in a single raid in Welshpool.

Dyfed-Powys Police say it happened on Salop Road sometime between 5pm on March 2 and 6.30am on March 4.

Police have not released any details about the televisions but they are warning people to be extra wary if someone tries to sell them a cheap television.

£20,000 damage caused to vans after thief chase

Report by Naomi Penrose

A VAN thief got more than he bargained for when he was tracked down by the owner and his friend in a dramatic chase.

More than £20,000 of damage was caused to two vans belonging to the owner and his friend, as the thief rammed into the vehicle in an effort to escape.

Richard Ellis, who has a workshop at Bank Top Industrial Estate in St Martins, near Oswestry, said the thief had jumped into his friend Mike Erratt's Volkswagen T5 van and stolen it for the items inside.

The pair jumped into Mr Ellis's Volkswagen Caddy to try track down the thief. Mr Ellis said: "When we finally caught up with him, he reversed the van into my bonnet before taking off again. We managed to catch up again but once again he smashed into my bonnet by reversing, this time causing more damage to my van, so at this point we drove into the side of Mike's van to get him off the road, then out of nowhere he jumped out and got into a silver Ford Mondeo, which I rammed into before it drove off." Mr Ellis, 33, from Chirk, said the Mondeo drove off towards the Wrexham area. He said two other men, a driver and passenger, were in the van. The drama unfolded at about 5.30pm on Tuesday last week.

Mr Ellis and Mr Eratt, from St Martins, are left counting the cost, which amounts to more than £20,000 because of the damage to both their vans.Mr Ellis described the thief as being tall and slim, wearing a black and red jacket with red gloves. The driver of the Mondeo is described as being an older, overweight man.

The damage caused to the front of Richard Ellis's van after the dramatic chase

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police force is told to improve

DYFED-POWYS Police has been told by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary that it needs to improve in crucial areas.

But West Mercia Police, which covers Shropshire, has been rated as good for its effectiveness in reducing crime and keeping the public safe.

Looking at Dyfed-Powys Police's performance, HMIC raised concerns about its investigation standards and said there were "weaknesses" in how it supports and safeguards vulnerable people.

HMIC said that overall the effectiveness of Dyfed-Powys Police at keeping people safe and reducing crime "requires improvement".

Responding to the HMIC's findings Deputy Chief Constable Darren Davies said the force would continue to take "robust steps" to address the highlighted areas that need improving. He said the force was in the process of introducing a range of initiatives, including changing the way it prioritises and manages crime.

AM makes bus cash switch call

A RECORD Welsh Government subsidy of almost half a million pounds for the Cardiff Airport bus service should be scrapped in favour of supporting local bus routes which are struggling in Mid Wales, according to Montgomeryshire AM, Russell George.

Speaking in First Minister's Questions, Mr George welcomed the news that the T9 service, which runs from Cardiff to Cardiff Airport 34 times a day, is attracting more passengers and called for the service to stand on its own two feet.

He asked the First Minister to consider diverting the subsidy to bus services in Mid Wales which are struggling to remain financially viable.

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Schools get £6 million of investment

MORE than £6 million will be spent on Powys schools over the next three financial years as part of a major improvement plan by the county council.

Carreghofa Primary School in Llanymynech, near Oswestry, will get £130,000 for extension and accommodation improvements while Hafren Primary School at Newtown will get £240,000 in two phases for a major refurbishment.

Llanfyllin High School will benefit from a £145,000 sum of money to replace its roof.

Powys County Council's cabinet approved an annual improvement fund of more than £2m for primary and secondary school improvement projects in the coming financial year and a further £2m for both 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Councillor Arwel Jones told the meeting: "The funding will allow a number of infrastructure improvement projects to take place in our primary and secondary buildings in the coming financial years."

Councillor Jones added: "All projects are priority schemes under the council's improvement scoring and prioritisation criteria."

Amy is backing new run

Report by Sue Austin

MARATHON record holder, Amy Hughes, will return to her home town as special guest at Oswestry's first half marathon.

The runner, who set a record of completing 53 marathons in 53 days, will be at the British Ironwork Centre on April 30 for the 13-mile event that will take runners from the tourism centre into Oswestry and back finishing in the sculpture park.

Dubbed the Gorilla Half Marathon in honour of the centre's spoon gorilla, the event will also include a family fun day. Amy, from nearby West Felton, will run a stage of the event and then return to the finish line to welcome the winners and others crossing the line. She will also take part in a mass warm up at the beginning.

Clive Knowles from the centre said he was thrilled that Amy had agreed to be a guest at the half marathon.

"She is such an inspiration to everyone, we are delighted she will be with us," he said.

All finishers will receive a special, bling gorilla medal, a technical running t-shirt and a goodie bag. Amy said she was looking forward to being back in Oswestry.

"I have never seen such an impressive running medal," she said.

Amy Hughes with the specially made gorilla medal which will be given to those who finish the run

NEWS IN BRIEF

Oak tree planted at town cemetery

AN oak tree in Welshpool cemetery that was felled last year on safety grounds is now home to a new young oak tree.

Powys County Council arranged for the young oak to be planted in the hollow stump of the old oak at Maesgwastad Cemetery.

The young oak was planted by local tree surgeons Arbserv Ltd.

The old tree in the middle of the cemetery was felled in October after a survey found that the amount of live wood in the trunk was below safety limits.

Landlords to get training sessions

LANDLORDS and agents in Powys who have not registered with Rent Smart Wales are being urged not to delay and to comply now to avoid legal action.

Dates for training have been released for landlords who manage properties to enable them to apply for a licence from Rent Smart Wales. A training session will take place at Neuadd Maldwyn in Welshpool on March 31.

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

The importance of regular eye tests for maintaining sight

With an ageing population and more people facing the prospect of working later into life, it has never been more important to look after our health; both to maintain our ability to work, and to be able to enjoy life to the full.

Eyesight is key to getting the most out of life, but it's also an aspect of health that is often overlooked. So what steps can we take to ensure our eyes remain at their sharpest?

Specsavers is working with the International Glaucoma Association (IGA) on a health information campaign to raise awareness of the importance of regular eye examinations. The £1m initiative will coincide with World Glaucoma Week, which runs from March 12-18.

'We're all familiar with the usual steps we can take to maintain a healthy lifestyle as we get older,' says Dr Nigel Best, Specsavers' clinical spokesperson. 'Fitbits and apps on our mobiles monitor our steps and sleep patterns – but our eye health can easily be neglected.'

RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People) and Specsavers' 'State of the Nation' report revealed that nearly 14 million people in the UK are not having their eyes tested every two years as recommended.

'Conditions that can often affect our eyes over the age of 40 range from high blood pressure to age-related macular degeneration and can be detected by an optician during the course of a regular eye examination,' Dr Best adds. 'The earlier any such conditions are picked up the higher the chance of successfully treating them, which is why we recommend eye tests every two years.'

Glaucoma – often described as the 'thief of sight' due to its gradual onset – is one such condition that is more easily managed the sooner it is detected. It affects 600,000 people in the UK and more than 64 million people worldwide making it the leading cause of irreversible blindness globally.

Karen Osborn, Chief Executive of the IGA, says: 'Glaucoma is found in 2% of the UK's population aged over 40. Most of those people have a slow developing form of the condition and we estimate that half of all cases – that's over 300,000 people – remain undiagnosed and are unaware that they could be slowly losing their sight.'

RNIB and Specsavers' research also revealed the total cost to the UK economy of sight loss in the adult population of the UK totalled £28.1 billion, leading to a huge burden on the economy due to easily preventable vision-related issues.

Sally Harvey, CEO of RNIB, adds: 'At least half of all sight loss is preventable. Regular eye tests and early detection on the high street, followed by timely intervention and management of eye health conditions, could help save your sight.'

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmers to share £31 million payout

DAIRY farmers across Shropshire are set to share in a £31 million payout after Arla Foods announced its end-of-year bonus.

The Lurpak butter and Castello cheese maker has confirmed what it will pay out to the 12,000 dairy farmers across Europe who own the company. The payout will see 2,500 British owners share a total of £31 million. That includes 300 in the Midlands region including Shropshire.

The distribution will see £7 million invested in each farmer's savings account, which will build into a lump sum should they wish to leave the co-operative, with the remainder then divided up equally to give farmers almost £9,000 each from the bonus.

Last month Arla revealed that it grew group profits last year by 20.7 per cent to £300 million.

Entries are coming in for canal event

ORGANISERS of the Montgomery Canal triathlon, which this year takes place on May 6, say entries are coming in at a steady rate.

The event is organised by the Friends of the Montgomery Canal.

For the first time in the six-year history of the triathlon, and due to the success of earlier events, there will be a deadline for entry date, which is April 22. Freda Davies from the Friends of the Montgomery Canal said: "If you need a reason to get fit in 2017 think of the sense of achievement in taking part in this fun, non competitive event over the 35 miles of the canal. Group entries are especially welcome. Some entrants also use the event to help raise funds for a favourite charity. Try cycling , walking or running and canoeing, while admiring the very scenic canal with its many locks and bridges." Entry forms are available at www.montgomerycanal.me.uk or contact Maggie Ellis on Montcanaltriath@aol.com

Movement Centre's pioneering work boosted by £5,000 cheque

GENEROUS fundraisers have given a £5,000 boost to a pioneering charity that helps children with disabilities affecting their movement.

Staff at Morris Lubricants and Morris Leisure in Shrewsbury adopted The Movement Centre, based at the site of Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, and Prostate Cancer UK, as their charities for 2016.

The firms raised £7,310 through a host of fundraising events throughout the year.

Company owners decided to round up the figure to £10,000, which has been divided equally between the two charities.

The Movement Centre, founded in 1996, works with children from across the UK who have cerebral palsy, global developmental delay or other movement control problems.

A unique therapy called Targeted Training helps children gain essential functional skills to give them more independence, which can completely change their lives.

Targeted Training was developed by The Movement Centre drawing on specialist physiotherapy and bioengineering.

More than 500 children have been supported by the charity but there are many more who could be helped.

As many as 2,500 children who could benefit from Targeted Training are born in the UK every year.

The charity, which is the only one in the world providing the therapy, wants to reach as many as possible to make a lifelong difference.

Although the charity is based in a building at the hospital site, it is independent from Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

It does not receive any statutory funding from the NHS and it relies on fundraising, donations and contributions from the families of children accessing service. A course of therapy costs around £6,250 per child and most children supported are aged between one and three.

Victoria Handbury-Madin, from the centre, said: "We are keen to grow to support more children and to diversify how we raise money.

"We have seen so many children learn to walk here but not every child will get to that stage. It may be we are able to help a child gain head control, which can have a huge impact on their lives and the therapy they may require in the future. The Movement Centre is delighted to have been a chosen charity for Morris Lubricants and Morris Leisure in 2016."

The Movement Centre's Pauline Holbrook receives a cheque from Andrew Goddard, Morris Lubricants' managing director

April's Law debate told 'safety first'

THE safety of the public should always be put first before an offender is allowed to come off the sex offenders' register, a debate about April's Law heard.

Glyn Davies, Montgomeryshire MP, said there should be "total certainty" that a person will not offend again before any person is allowed to remove themselves from the register. He was speaking during a debate on whether the Government should implement April's Law, after a petition launched by the family of April Jones.

The petition, calling for sex offenders to remain on the register for life and for tougher sentences for people who look at indecent images, reached well in excess of 100,000 signatures, triggering the Westminster debate.

Five-year-old April was snatched from outside her home in Machynlleth, in October 2012 by Mark Bridger, who was sentenced to a whole life term for her abduction and murder. Her body has never been found and during his trial Bridger refused to say what he did with her remains. He was found to have accessed child abuse images online just hours before her death.

Mr Davies, whose constituency covers Machynlleth, said: "I spent time in the town and it felt really difficult to comprehend what happened and what April's family were going through.

"I also want to pay tribute to April's parents and sister Jazmin who are with us in the House of Commons today and in this chamber.

"They have done a huge amount to raise awareness of the availability of indecent images."

During his speech in the debate in Westminster Hall, Mr Davies called for a "clean-up" of the internet. He also said that, although a move requiring people to remain on the sex offenders' register for life may go against their human rights no person should be removed until stringent checks had been made.

He said the viewing of indecent images was a "hugely serious crime and still under reported."

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Staff on marks for the marathon

Louise Buxton, Judy Barnfield and Jamie Roberts are training hard for the London Marathon

MORE than 20 people will pound the streets of London hoping to raise more than £35,000 for Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Among the runners will be three staff members – staff nurse Louise Buxton, healthcare records clerk Jamie Roberts and anaesthetic nurse Judy Barnfield – who are training hard for the London Marathon in April.

Louise, from St Martins, said: "Training is going well so far. I'm on track to be able to run the marathon comfortably. I only started running last year and the London Marathon is on my bucket list.

"I'm so happy with my fundraising too. I've raised more than £2,000 already and I've still got two events to go. I'm hoping to at least double my original target."

Judy, from Oswestry, will run alongside her husband Steve.

She said: "It's been so good that I've not been training alone. With Steve is running the marathon for the trust charity too, we've been supporting each other to keep going on runs.

"We also held a bake sale in the main entrance of the hospital not long ago to start the fundraising off."

Jamie, from Gobowen, said "I've been running to and from work through the winter to get used to road running. I'm excited to see London all set up for the marathon and run though some iconic places."

To find out more about the fundraising or to sponsor a runner people can visit www.rjah.nhs.uk/marathon

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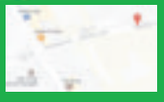

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Many clients go back to the businesses on Leg Street and Salop Road time and time again as they are impressed by the top service they enjoy.

Many of the firms on both streets are proud family-owned and independent businesses who take great pride in offering a friendly and helpful service to customers young and old.

That great service has ensured Oswestry has developed into a key retail and business centre in the region. The town can trace its commercial history back over many centuries. In fact it was back in 1190 that the town was granted the right to hold a market each Wednesday. Markets have been important to life in Oswestry for generations. The current town market is based in the Powis Hall on the Bailey Head, within walking distance of Leg Street.

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Enjoy the mother of all sleeps!

Commercial feature

Mums heading out for a Mother's Day treat will be wanting to look their best.

But do you know one of the key elements of looking good is having a good sleep?

There's a new buzzword for 2017 that doesn't involve chomping on any raw veg to make you look more sprightly...step forward 'clean sleeping'.

It has nothing to do with how often you wash your duvet, but everything to do with pure, unadulterated slumber. Gwyneth Paltrow, the actress-turned-lifestyle-guru, attributes her A-lister glow to a clean-sleeping regime. "I believe it should be your first priority – even before you think about your diet," she says in her new book, Goop Clean Beauty. "The lifestyle I lead is based not just on clean eating, but also on clean sleeping: at least seven or eight hours of good, quality sleep – and ideally even 10."

With National Bed Month running in March, there's never been a better time to super-charge your beauty sleep. We're now getting less sleep than ever, according to research. Three-quarters of Brits sleep less than seven hours per night, while 12 per cent snooze for less than five hours – compared to seven per cent in 2013, according to The Sleep Council's Great British Bedtime Report.

"If you're not sleeping, you'll find your stress hormone levels will go up," says Dr Nish Joshi, holistic guru and founder of the Joshi Clinic.

"Sleep habits are so important – avoid caffeine and wine at night, sleep in a well-ventilated room, and make sure your bed and pillow are comfortable.

"I recommend taking chamomile or valerian about half an hour before bedtime, for a restful night." If insomnia's not an issue, but there simply aren't enough hours in the day for decent duvet time, your skin could be suffering.

Sleep is vital for skin, as it's when cells goes into repair mode – creating new ones and removing toxins.

"Lack of sleep can lead to signs of ageing," explains Susan Harmsworth, skincare expert and ESPA founder.

"Skin research shows cell regeneration is highest between 12am and 1am, while skin exfoliation and blood flow is increased between 12am and 4am.

"This is why night-time products are so beneficial for the skin's repair systems."

Have you ever woken up feeling less than refreshed?

It's possible your alarm's interrupted a natural sleep cycle, resulting in that groggy feeling and telltale eye bags.

Thankfully, you can fake eight hours' sleep with cheat products and quick-fix massage techniques.

"Reduce puffy eyes by massaging a gentle, healing eye cream in the direction of your lymphatic drainage, moving under the eyes towards the temples," advises Nuriss skincare expert, Dr Anita Sturnham.

"Skincare with antioxidants, such as vitamins C, B and E, will help boost and repair tired and dull-looking skin."

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OSWESTRY £430,000

A superbly spacious executive detached residence, 15 Upperwell Close, Oswestry has seven bedrooms, three reception rooms and four bathrooms.

It is for sale through Town & Country at £430,000. Enjoying an enviable position within this most sought after location with superb views to the rear, its accommodation briefly comprises a porch, hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/dining room, study, utility room, seven bedrooms, two en-suite and two family bathrooms. To the outside there are gardens to the front and the rear with views. A detached double garage and double width driveway provides off-road parking. The property is situated in a sought after residential area of Oswestry, with close proximity to the town centre, with an abundance of shops and supermarkets. A secondary school, primary school and doctors surgery are within walking distance. The property is also only a few minutes walk from open countryside.

In more detail the porch has quarry tiled flooring. The hallway has stairs off and an under-stairs storage cupboard. The cloakroom/WC has part tiled splash-backs. A lovely light room, the lounge has a large bay window with glazed side panels and French doors opening onto the rear garden, a decorative stone cast fireplace with an electric fire and French doors to the garden. The good sized dining room has a large square bay window to the front. In the kitchen/dining room, the kitchen has an extensive range of base and wall kitchen units in an oak colour with work surfaces over, integral wine fridge, integral Whirlpool dishwasher, 1½ bowl sink with mixer tap, Whirlpool double stainless steel oven, gas hob, integral extractor fan, tiled flooring, integral fridge/freezer, under unit lighting and part tiled walls. The study is positioned at the front and the utility has a sink, units, plumbing for a washing machine, space for a fridge and a door to the rear.

Upstairs on the first floor, the master bedroom has wardrobes, a dressing table and an en-suite. There are five further bedrooms (one en-suite) and a bathroom on this floor. On the second floor are bedrooms six and seven and a bathroom.

The rear garden is a particular feature of the property due to its size and orientation.

KEY FEATURES

- Executive detached
- Seven bedrooms
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- Four bathrooms
- Superb rear views

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The home lies in a desirable location on the edge of the popular village of Gobowen. Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance lobby, entrance hallway, a dining room, a lounge, an oak framed garden/ family room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, two first floor bedrooms, a bathroom an study, together with a second floor third bedroom and en-suite. Outside, the property has good sized gardens together with an outside workshop/office, log store and dog run.

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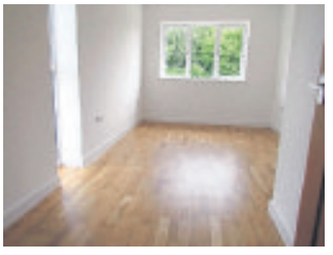

Brand new bungalow is in quiet lane in centre of village

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- EPC Band - C JJD951

GUIDE PRICE £195,000

ARDDLEEN

- Modern Three Bed. Detached Bungalow
- Attractive Position Overlooking Village
- OFCH & PVC DG
- Kitchen And Utility
- Living Room
- Conservatory
- Bathroom And En-Suite
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Parking
- EPC Band - JJD955

GUIDE PRICE £169,000

GOBOWEN

- Close Care Residential Two Bed. Bungalow
- Attractive Purpose Built Complex
- CH & DG
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- UPVC Conservatory
- Enclosed Paved Yard
- Short Walking Distance To Office
- Rear Vehicle Access And Parking Area
- EPC Band - E JJD870

£69,950

OSWESTRY

- Four Bed. Period Town Property
- Dining Room And Lounge
- Kitchen And Utility
- Cloakroom And Snug
- Office Area And Snooker Room
- Second Floor Apartment
- Separate Ground Floor Bungalow
- Good Sized Rear Garden With Patio Area
- EPC Band - C JJD923

GUIDE PRICE £475,000

TREFLACH

- Well Appointed Detached Bungalow Occupying Semi-Rural Location
- OFCH & DG
- Reception Hall
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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Adjoining Garage
- Good Sized Well Maintained Garden Plot
- EPC Band - E JJD940

GUIDE PRICE £195,000

OSWESTRY

- Semi-Detached Bungalow Within Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GCH & DG
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Ample Parking
- Paved Rear Garden
- Solar Panels
- EPC Band - B JJD939

GUIDE PRICE £139,950

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- Large Garage
- Workshop/Annex
- EPC Band - JJD953

GUIDE PRICE £445,000

OSWESTRY - BUILDING PLOT

- Good sized building plot
- Approx. 720 sq. metres
- Sought after residential area
- P/permission for detached bungalow with double Garage
- Reasonable level walking distance of Town
- We understand all mains services are available to site JJD787

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- Two Large Industrial Units
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- OFCH
- Unit F - RENT £19,000 (Floor Area - 6,918 sq. ft)
- Unit G - RENT £23,000 (Floor Area - 8,400 sq. ft)
- EPC Band - E JJD087

OSWESTRY - FOR SALE/TO LET

- Excellent Shop/ Restaurant/Take Away Premises
- Occupying Busy Trading Position
- A3 Planning Consent
- 456 sq. ft.
- Two Toilets
- Store Cupboard
- Sale Option - Guide Price £58,000
- Rental Option - £5,750 Per Annum
- EPC Band - Awaited JJD080

GUIDE PRICE £58,000 RENTAL £5,750

OSWESTRY - TO LET

- Excellent Bar/Restaurant Premises
- Occupying Busy Trading Position
- Short Distance From Major Retailers And Institutions
- Covered Porch
- Reception Area
- Beer Cellar And Bar Area
- Kitchen And Lounge
- Function Room
- Male/Female/Disabled Toilets
- EPC Band - Awaited JJD091

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Close to village amenities and the A483, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £315,000. In brief it has two reception rooms, a study, kitchen, utility, a family bathroom, ensuite, gas central heating, double glazing and a well maintained rear garden.

Outside is a double drive approach off the head of the cul-de-sac which enables ample on-site parking and access to the garage. The front garden is open plan and lawned with a gated side access with a paved pathway to the rear.

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Detached home is immaculately presented

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£325,000 <<<

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Park Crescent
Park Hall — **£315,000**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a spacious Detached 4 Bedroom Family Home
- Situated in the popular hamlet of Park Hall
- Entrance Hall, Ground Floor Shower Room, Lounge
- Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room and Family Room
- 4 good size Bedrooms (master en-suite) and Family Bathroom
- Large Gardens to the front and rear
- 2 driveways to either side of the property & single garage
- Gas central heating and uPVC double. EPC Rating

NEW

Elm Close
Oswestry — **£115,000**

- A well presented 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Situated within a popular residential area of Oswestry
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room & Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms and a Bathroom.
- Good size enclosed rear garden and off road parking.
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- EPC Rating NO CHAIN

NEW

Berwyn Avenue
Chirk Bank — **£215,000**

- NO CHAIN - A spacious and well positioned 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated in the popular hamlet of Chirk Bank.
- The property is situated on a good size plot
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms, a Single Bedroom and Family Bathroom.
- Driveway and garage to the fore and large rear garden.
- Gas central heating and double glazing

Vyrnwy Place
Oswestry — **£82,000**

- Well presented 1 Bed Leasehold Ground Floor Apartment
- Ent Hall, Kitchen, Lounge
- Bedroom and Bathroom
- Own garden and garage
- D/G and electric storage heaters
- An EnviroVent ventilation system
- EPC Rating F (31). NO CHAIN

NEW

Rhoswiel
Weston Rhyn — **£174,995**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Cottage style property
- Close to the Shropshire Union Canal.
- Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom.
- Large rear garden and parking area.
- UPVC double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating 'D' 62

Church View
Hadnall — **£345,000**

- BRAND NEW 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home with Integral Garage
- Open plan Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room.
- Spacious Living room with bay window and Cloakroom.
- Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes and En-suite.
- Three further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden, Integral Garage and Driveway.
- PART EXCHANGE OR HELP TO BUY IS AVAILABLE (Help to Buy Price £276,000)

NEW PRICE

Whittington Road
Gobowen — **£264,500**

- Immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Constructed in the 1930's and retains a host of original features
- Hallway, Dining Room, Lounge, oak framed Garden/Family Room
- Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom, 2 first floor Bedrooms, Bathroom and Study
- Second floor 3rd Bedroom and En-Suite.
- Good sized gardens, Workshop/ Office, Log Store and Dog Run
- uPVC D/G, Gas C/H solar thermal panels, electric PV solar panels
- LED lighting throughout and was re-roofed in 2013.

NEW PRICE

Castle Street
Oswestry — **£98,000**

- Spacious 2 Bed End Terrace Hse
- Contains a host of original features
- Ent Hall, Living Room and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Additional Attic Room
- slabbed area to the front.
- Gas C/H & D/G. EPC Rating
- NO CHAIN

Old Chirk Road
Gobowen — **£260,000**

- Superbly appointed and spacious 2/3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Standing in large well maintained gardens with large garage & summer house
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Dining Room
- 3 Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Ample off road parking to the fore.
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC RatingD (68)

Oak Street
Oswestry — **£119,950**

- A superbly presented and spacious 2 Bedroom End-Terrace House
- Retaining many character features including original fireplaces
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room & Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms and a Bathroom
- Walled gravelled rear garden with patio
- Gas central heating and double glazing

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Lot 1 AUCTION

Connah's Quay — **DEESIDE**
Guide Price — **£40,000**

- Two Bedroom Terraced
- Requiring Modernisation and Improvement Works
- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Basement
- EPC Rating G (12)
- Contact Wrexham Office

Lot 2 AUCTION

Park Hall — **OSWESTRY**
Guide Price — **Over £90,000**

- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- In need of Modernisation Works
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge Kitchen/Dining Room, 3 Bedrooms Family Bathroom, Outbuilding
- Driveway & Garage, Gardens
- EPC Rating - Band 'E' (52).

Weston Road
Morda — **£159,950**

- OPEN DAY-18th of March 2017 10am till 2pm
- ONLY SIX PLOTS REMAINING
- PRICES FROM £159,950
- Oakwood Grange is a small residential development
- Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Cloakroom
- 3 AND 4 Bedrooms available
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- All properties will come with 10 year warranty

Plough Bank
Weston Rhyn — **£114,995**

- A well maintained and deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Ent Hall/Study, Lounge and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Enclosed front & rear gardens
- Allocated parking to rear
- Gas C/H & D/G. EPC Rating C (70)

Lot 3 AUCTION

Town Hill — **WREXHAM**
Guide Price — **£80,000**

A town centre commercial property close to a variety of retailers comprising a ground floor retail shop (former Post Office) having rear and basement storage together with two presently un-refurbished upper floors, which have potential to convert into a duplex residential flat.

Lot 4 AUCTION

Dodington — **WHITCHURCH**
Guide Price — **£55,000–£60,000**

Currently let to the Driving Standards Authority and used as the local Test Centre.The property extends to over 650 sq ft evenly split over two floors. Waiting room and WC on the ground floor and an office, kitchen, and wc on the first floor.
Contact Ellesmere Office

Lot 5 AUCTION

Coedpoeth — **WREXHAM**
Guide — **£100,000 –£110,000**

- Prominent High Street Location
- Two Flats Currently Tenanted
- Double Glazing
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- EPC Rating No 20 = E (53)
- EPC Rating No 20A = C (75)

Lot 6 AUCTION

Nantyr — **LLANGOLLEN**
Guide — **£110,000–£130,000**

Nantyr Outdoor Activity Centre. The site extends to approximately 0.64 acres (0.26 ha) and also offers potential for various alternative uses subject to obtaining the necessary planning consents.
• EPC Rating - Band 'D' (76).
• Contact our Chirk office

Elm Tree Park
Llanymynech — **£359,995**

- ONLY ONE PLOT REMAINING
- PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE
- LAST CHANCE TO BUY ON THIS EXCLUSIVE EXECTIVE DEVELOPMENT
- HIGH SPECIFICATION FINISH
- TIMBER FRAMED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSES
- DOUBLE GARAGE

Regent Court
Oswestry — **£120,000**

- Well appointed 2 Bed 1st Flr Apartment
- Living/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms (master en-suite)
- Sep Shower Rm, Secure car parking
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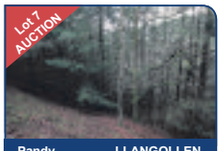

Lot 7 AUCTION

Pandy — **LLANGOLLEN**
Guide Price — **£15,000**

- 28 acres (11.33 ha) of mature coniferous woodland
- Includes the well known Pandy Outcrop.
- Woodland partially under Tree Protection Order with SSSI designation.
- Contact our Chirk office

Lot 8 AUCTION

Llanymynech — **OSWESTRY**
Guide Over — **£80,000**

- Ground Floor 3 Bedroom Apart
- Ent Hall, Lounge, kitchen & Bathroom
- Outside Store Room & Bike Shed
- Off Road Parking & Courtyard
- DG Windows, EPC Rating D
- Currently let on Shorthold Tenancy
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Victorian end of terrace home is well maintained

OSWESTRY
£167,500

A Victorian end of terrace property with three bedrooms, 74 York Street, Oswestry is tastefully decorated and well maintained throughout.

It is for sale through Town & Country at £167,500. Its accommodation comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge/dining room, a beautifully fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a luxury family bathroom.

The property is warmed by gas central heating and double glazing. To the outside is a garage, a small front garden, a private side garden and a rear yard with storage a shed. Number 74 is conveniently located and within walking distance of Oswestry town centre which has an abundance of local amenities including schools and leisure facilities.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.

Refurbished cottage enjoys great views of countryside

HYSSINGTON
£330,000 <<<

A refurbished detached stone built cottage, Ivy Cottage at Hyssington, Montgomery has far reaching views over the surrounding countryside.

It is for sale through Balfours at £330,000.

It has an entrance hall, a sitting room, dining room, study, four bedrooms, a kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, one en-suite, lawn, parking and a garage.

Ivy Cottage is situated in a delightful rural position on the eastern fringes of the village of Church Stoke between Montgomery and Bishops Castle.

The property retains many attractive and period features. It is presented to a very high standard and is well proportioned throughout with views over the surrounding countryside.

For more information contact Balfours on 01743 353511.

PRIMESAVE PROPERTIES

Open Day
at Morda and Minsterley
Saturday 18th March
10–2pm

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First homeowners move into Primesave Properties' new home development in Morda

Following the launch of the Oakwood Grange development in Morda in spring 2016, Shropshire homebuilders Primesave Properties are now welcoming the first homeowners, moving into the completed properties.

Featuring 24 homes, Oakwood Grange has proved hugely popular with the first phase of the development selling off plan and only 4 properties remaining in phase 2.

Previous Primesave Properties developments have been hugely popular with first time buyers, and this trend has continued with many of the new homes in phase one being purchased by local first time buyers, a huge boost for the local community.

Tara Earlam is one of the first home buyers to move on to the development, commenting on the buying experience:

'Buying with Primesave Properties has been a wonderful experience, which I would recommend to anybody. When we first saw these properties for sale, we met with Keri who showed us exactly what the house would be like, and explained the whole process.

Since then, we have watched the house being built, there was no limit to what you could have; this has meant we have a truly personalised new house whilst being involved through every stage. The process has been completely stress free, and we have really enjoyed every step of purchasing our first home.'

Phase two of Oakwood Grange is now in progress with a selection of 3 and 4-bedroom family homes available, starting from £159,950.

In addition to the development at Morda, Primesave Properties currently have developments at Penley and Minsterley. The team are holding open days on Saturday 18th March 2017 at Linden Fields, Minsterley and Oakwood Grange, Morda to showcase the properties available.

Miss T A Earlam and Mr B.L Hayward being handed the keys to their first home from Keri Negron-Jennings of Primesave Properties.

The Primesave Properties team will also be launching their latest development, 35 new homes in Llanymynech, Mid Wales, with work commencing in spring 2017.

Keri Negron-Jennings, Director of Primesave Properties, said *'We are delighted to welcome our new homeowners to Oakwood Grange. The development has been hugely popular with locals and there is clearly a demand for quality 2 and 3 bed starter homes in the area.*

We're very excited to launch our latest development in Llanymynech featuring 2, 3 and 4-bedroom homes with expressions of interest already being received.'

If you would like to know more about Primesave Properties, or to register interest in any of the developments, get in touch with the team on properties@primesave.co.uk or call 01743 241135

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Oakwood Grange, Morda
Prices From: £159,950

●●●● Open Day - Saturday 18th March ●●●●
● 10am to 2pm. ONLY 6 PLOTS REMAINING ●
Three & Four bedroom homes on a small development of just 24. Located on the edge of the village. Reservations now being taken, contact us for further information. Pictures show examples, not actual plots.

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32 Lower Belle Vue, Morda
£122,500

Semi detached house in village location. Lounge and fitted kitchen/breakfast room. Three bedrooms and fitted bathroom. Gas-fired central heating and double glazing. Gardens to both front and rear. Good local amenities and access to Oswestry. Available with no onward chain. EPC Rating = 53 (E)

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10 High Fawr Close, Oswestry
£189,950

Link detached house on popular estate. Three bedrooms. L-shaped living and dining area with dual aspect and rear doors to the garden. Gas c/heating, d/glazing and cavity wall insulation. Attached single garage. Good sized terraced rear garden and sloping garden down off the estate road. EPC Rating = 61(D)

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Bankside, Trefonen - Guide Price: £155,000

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on Thu 27th April at 2pm
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LLANYMYNECH

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Offers Over: £160,000

Modern Detached House on cul-de-sac development. Sitting Room. Dining Room. Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room. Attached Garage. Parking for several vehicles. Rear garden and patio. Oil fired heating. Double glazed. EPC Rating = 60(D)

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

Llan Chapel, Llanerfyl £235,000

Spacious 4 Bedroom Former Chapel in quiet village location. Open Plan Sitting/Dining/Kitchen. Ground Floor Bedroom, Bathroom. Three Further Bedrooms (one En-suite). Oil Fired Heating. Detached garden area with parking area. Many authentic features. EPC Rating = 63(D)

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

5 Greenbank Close, Oswestry
£159,950

A well located detached house. Within walking distance of the town centre. Large lounge, dining room and kitchen. Ground floor cloakroom and useful rear lobby. Three bedrooms and fitted shower room. Attached single garage and gardens to front and rear. Gas-fired central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating = 68 (D)

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospital petition tops 5,000 names

MAYOR of Oswestry Paul Milner has now collected more than 5,000 signatures on a petition to stop emergency care leaving Shrewsbury.

Health chiefs have said that no final decision has yet been made on whether an A&E department should be at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital or Princess Royal Hospital, Telford.

The process has been delayed while an independent review is carried out by health bosses.

Cllr Milner handed in a further 1,000 signatures, taking the total number of signatures on his petition to more than 5,000, to the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group on Friday.

The petition calls for Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to be the home of the new sole emergency centre.

The councillor said: "I also have the backing of local councils, in Newtown, Welshpool, Shrewsbury, St Martin's, West Felton, Llanymynech, Gobowen and Selattyn for the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to house the super accident and emergency centre."

Valley walk for rambler group

THE Welshpool Ramblers' walk on Sunday will be in the Vyrnwy valley area, this time in the Dyfnant Forest.

The eight mile walk will be led by Gerry Skinner and will be largely on good forest tracks involving no stiles, though with a couple of short sections on rougher footpaths.

All are welcome but no dogs on the walk. Meet at 9.30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref SJ 226075) or at the start of the route in the Hendre car park in Dyfnant forest (OS SJ 029151) ready for a 10.15am start.

For further information telephone (01938) 561421.

New move in campaign to halt the waste louts

Report by Naomi Penrose

RESIDENTS are being warned council staff will be looking inside rubbish bags left dumped in the streets in a bid to track down the culprits.

Sacks of fly-tipped waste have been found on the streets of Welshpool and left dumped next to litter bins.

In a post on Facebook, Town Clerk Robert Robinson, said: "People are leaving black bags out with household waste in them on the streets and by the litter bins, this is fly-tipping, please use your bins and Powys doorstep collection service. So everyone knows, we will be looking inside bags for identification and will be seeking to stop this practice."

Meanwhile, in a separate move, Welshpool is teaming up with Newtown in a bid to tackle the rubbish problem. Sue Newham, Keep Wales Tidy project officer for North Powys, said both towns had similar problems with people who dump waste. She said: "They forget that the money to litter pick the streets and to clear fly tips comes out of the county council's funds, which cannot then be spent on services such as education and support for elderly people. Littering is often seen as an unimportant issue, but if we each took responsibility for our own rubbish and disposed of it as we should, much more money would be available for other things." She said two initiatives were aimed at addressing the same problem. She said: "Tidy Newtown Week and Keep Welshpool Tidy are the town councils responding to residents' wishes to live in clean and tidy communities and working in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy to make events happen."

College hosts hospice's training event

North Shropshire College's principal Peter McCann greets Hope House's chief executive Andy Goldsmith

HOPE House Children's Hospice has held its annual training event at the Oswestry campus of North Shropshire College.

The event took place over two weeks and consisted of training for all care staff based at the hospice's base at Morda ending with a full staff briefing on the last day with over 200 staff in attendance. The staff used the conference and board rooms at the Oswestry campus for interactive workshops, guest speakers and a murder mystery team building event with fine dining provided by students from the college's Scholars Restaurant.

Linda Cancelliere, head of care for the hospice, said: "The training this year has been fantastic, my staff have all been very positive and have said not only how wonderful the training venue and facilities were, but also how nice, friendly and helpful all the staff were and the students provided us with an amazing meal, which was the icing on the cake for everyone."

Homes plan for county 'damages the countryside'

CAMPAIGNERS are warning that Shropshire Council proposals for new housing would seriously damage the countryside and are far more than are needed.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is calling on people to object strongly to the council's options for the revised Local Plan.

Charles Green, joint chair of CPRE Oswestry, said residents had until Monday to respond to the council's three alternative growth scenarios, which range from 26,250 up to 28,750 houses. CPRE Shropshire questions whether the council's consultation is meaningful when all three of the options propose a level of housing which it says is far greater than is "justified, necessary or desirable", and would lead to significant destruction of the Shropshire countryside.

Rather than delivering economic growth, CPRE warns that Shropshire could increasingly end up as a dormitory for nearby growth-towns like Crewe with so many new developments proposed around this HS2 hub.

Shropshire Council is also consulting on whether new housing should be directed at Shrewsbury, market towns such as Oswestry and Ludlow, or so-called rural hubs like Ruyton XI Towns and Clun. However, CPRE warns that at these levels all the options would lead to inappropriate housing in the wrong place.

Mr Green said: "The irony is that there is nothing in this latest consultation to show how Shropshire will provide houses which are affordable for the people who really need them.

"Instead, we risk seeing only the kind of houses which can be bought by retired people and commuters wishing to move into the county."

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Students enjoy taste of working life in France

The students had a tour and talk from industry professionals in France

The North Shropshire College students and staff at their end of trip talk

TEN motor vehicle students from Oswestry's North Shropshire College have visited France on a two-week work placement.

During the visit to Muret near Toulouse the students worked at Nissan, Citroen, Renault and Ford garages.

The college uses this experience to test student independency and show them how their industry works in Europe.

Derek Coffey, motor vehicle lecturer, said: "The group were level three students and the work experience has really helped them in their practical sessions.

"They worked at main dealerships, visited the college in France, went to Toulouse, took part in go-karting and visited Airbus.

"It was all round a great experience for the students to gain life, language and communication skills."

Alan Lee, a student who went on the trip, said: "I would definitely recommend going on work experience abroad.

"It gives you an insight into what you want to do once you reach the working world.

"Google translator came in really handy as a lot of the people we were working alongside did not speak much English.

"I really got into the work, the past three days were among the best in my life.

I was treated like an adult and left to get on with jobs with no rushing. In fact I was even told to slow down as the pace of work is slower and more relaxed over there."

He added: "The culture in France allows a two hour lunch break where many workers go home, after one hour I wanted to get back to work.

"I learnt a lot more than being in the UK as I got to experience what a working environment was like in another country."

Series of activities mark celebration of written word

Elanor Parker, Rebecca Owen, Alice Wynn, Nia Lewis-Rees and Lucy Arrowsmith with Holly Smale

The Marches School students, back, from left, Louise Delliston-Watson, Isabelle Woodcock, Chloe Ellis, Poppy Denton and Ellanor Nurse, and, front, Amy Edwards, Isabelle Delacassa and Holly Billington with author Sibeal Pounder

Report by Naomi Penrose

THE Marches School in Oswestry hosted a number of activities to celebrate national World Book Day.

Staff and students welcomed visits from award winning authors, engaged in book related games, entered competitions and dressed up as their favourite book characters.

The celebrations began with the first book topple round for the annual house competition.

Author Holly Smale visited to talk about her award-winning book, Geek Girl, with Years 7, 8 and 9 girls from both The Marches School and Sir John Talbot's School. They were also given the opportunity to purchase personalised and signed copies of the book.

More than 300 primary students from Woodside, Holy Trinity, Bryn Offa and The Meadows primary schools came in to The Marches School to listen to authors Andy Griffiths, Sibeal Pounder and Stephanie Burgis.

Year 7 pupils also listened to Sibeal in the afternoon and learnt about the importance of character naming along with other important creative writing tips.

Students and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters with Harry Potter and The Hunger Games characters proving popular. At lunchtime students took part in a Bookamon Go treasure hunt.

Booka Bookshop organised for the authors to visit The Marches School as part of their Authors in Schools programme.

They also set up a pop-up bookshop in the Learning Resource Centre to enable students to purchase some of the latest book releases.

Monty Humphreys-Jones dressed up for the occasion

Year 9 student Rebecca Owen having her book signed by Holly Smale

Officers were 'unaware of bus breach'

SENIOR officers and councillors were not aware that a school had broken rules by spending £500,000 bussing in pupils from outside its catchment area, an independent barrister has said.

In a report which went before Powys County Council's cabinet members, councillors heard the findings were based on a further investigation report by Jonathan Walters, who led the probe into how Llanfyllin High School spent the money on subsidising the transport costs of pupils from outside its catchment.

Despite school governors and local councillors claiming the council had "known all along that this was going on", Mr Walters said in his investigation report that he does not consider that to be the case.

He said: "Whilst I can readily understand the suspicion of interested parties that the PWC report in 2014 did alert senior officers and councillors to the breach of the council's scheme, there are a number of factors which militate against such a finding.

"If the allegation is true, there would have been a collective decision by a number of senior officers and councillors to withhold the PWC report from consideration by me in the hope that it would not materialise and that is not a credible contention."

Mr Walters also said he didn't believe senior officers and councillors were aware of the breach because of the genuine reactions of when the matter finally emerged in January 2016.

News of the breach sparked controversy in the community, with four school governors suspended from their post, one being Councillor Darren Mayor, who stepped down from the council's cabinet.

Sky Sports' Jeff at event

WELSH Premier League Champions The New Saints are counting down the days until a Sky Sports presenter makes his guest appearance at the club.

Jeff Stelling will host the team's annual celebratory dinner in April at The Venue in Park Hall, Oswestry.

He is best known for presenting Soccer Saturday on Sky Sports.

He coined the phrase "They'll be dancing in the streets of Total Network Solutions tonight" as a gentle dig as clubs named after businesses.

Ian Williams who has worked for the club for more than 10 years as chief operating officer, said he is delighted by the impending visit.

"We're really pleased that he'll be joining us. Our annual dinner is to celebrate our entry into the Guinness World Records after the club's record-breaking consecutive wins in the Welsh Premier League," he said.

"We will also be celebrating regaining the Welsh premiership title."

He said it was great that someone so well respected in the industry had agreed to host the evening.

Proceeds from the night will go to the club's academy and foundation. Tickets are available from The Venue by calling the number (01691) 68484 or at the club website events@tnsfc.co.uk.

Inmates arrive at new prison

ONE of the largest prisons in Europe, located just over the Shropshire border in Wrexham, has taken in its first inmates.

The HMP Berwyn super-prison has started receiving its first inmates, with the goal of relieving Britain's overcrowded jails. The prison, which cost £250 million to build, will be home to criminals convicted of burglary, armed robbery and other offences, and will house more than 2,000 criminals, making it the largest in the UK.

The majority will be category C, meaning they have been assessed as having a lower likelihood of escaping, though some category B prisoners could also be accommodated.

Prison governor Russ Trent said his emphasis was on rehabilitation.

He said wardens will refer to the prisoners as "men" and they will have "rooms" rather than cells.

The construction of the prison began in May 2015 and work is still under way on part of the site.

Cinema listings

A CURE FOR WELLNESS (18)

Not well – 5/10

Gore Verbinski directs this psychological thriller set predominately in a creepy wellness centre located in the Swiss Alps. Ambitious young executive Lockhart (Dane DeHaan) is summoned to retrieve CEO Roland Pembroke (Harry Groener) in order for him to sign a merger. At the request of the board, he travels to the spa and becomes concerned by some of the treatments.

SHUT IN (15)

Shut it out – 4/10

Naomi Watts headlines this psychological thriller, which imagines a life or death battle for survival during a snow storm. Psychologist Mary Portman (Watts) has escaped nightmarish memories of the past by relocating to a cabin in the woods with her paralysed son, Steven (Charlie Heaton)Mary gets the nagging feeling that someone is in her home, watching her every move.

SOUTHERN FURY (18)

Light tempered – 4/10

Hard-working family man JP Lindel (Adrian Grenier) has always been close to his older brother Mikey (Johnathon Schaech). When JP receives a ransom demand for Mikey, he takes the threat seriously, but everyone close to him is convinced it is a scam dreamt up by Mikey and his surrogate father, crime boss Eddie King (Nicolas Cage). Even police detective Sal (John Cusack) thinks so.

MOONLIGHT (15)

Perfect picture – 10/10

Twelve-year-old Chiron (Alex Hibbert) lives with his mother Paula (Naomie Harris), who is a slave to her drug habit. Her neglect drives Chiron into the arms of dealer Juan (Mahershala Ali) and his girlfriend Teresa (Janelle Monae). As Chiron grows into an awkward 16-year-old (now played by Ashton Sanders), he recognises his attraction to his best friend Kevin (Jharrel Jerome).

JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 2 (15)

Burnt out – 6/10

Having exacted his revenge at the end of the first film, John Wick (Keanu Reeves) reclaims his beloved Mustang and heads home to enjoy his retirement from the killing game. Out of the blueltalian crime lord Santino D'Antonio (Riccardo Scamarcio) visits John and implores him to assassinate his sister Gianna (Claudia Gerini). John is obliged to carry out the hit.

THE GREAT WALL (12A)

Monster mash – 6/10

Every 60 years, hordes of flesh-hungry monsters called Taoties rise in search of prey and a secret military sect called the Nameless Order repels them from atop the wall. Two mercenaries, William (Matt Damon) and Tovar (Pedro Pascal), stumble into the middle of this conflict and pledge their support. Another, Sir Ballard (Willem Dafoe), is already aiding and helps them acclimatise.

Mark Wahlberg is again thrust into the action as an all-American hero

FBI agent Richard DesLauriers finds bomb fragments

Boston horror is told

Review by Damon Smith

DIRECTOR Peter Berg and leading man Mark Wahlberg previously collaborated on the testosterone-fuelled action thrillers Lone Survivor and Deepwater Horizon.

They draw inspiration from another harrowing true story of heroism for this gripping race against time.

Patriots Day introduces a fictional character into the heart of real-life terrorism – the bombing of the 2013 Boston marathon – to pay rousing and sometimes overblown tribute to the men and women who risked their lives in the name of justice.

The script's queasy conflation of fact and artistic licence runs the risk of glamorising the hunt for the perpetrators.

We become completely immersed in the investigation as it gathers pace, culminating in a shootout on the city streets.

Vehicles explode, hundreds of bullets scythe through the air, transforming a sleepy nook of suburban Massachusetts into a flaming, debris-strewn war zone.

On the morning of April 15, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (Alex Wolff) and his brother Tamerlan (Themo Melikidze) head into Boston with homemade bombs concealed in rucksacks. They move into the thick crowds of spectators thronging the marathon course, drop the bags and move to safety before detonating the devices in quick succession near the finish line. Hundreds of people are injured in the blasts.

"We've got to decide who's running this and we've got to decide quickly," Deval Patrick (Michael Beach), the Governor of Massachusetts, tells Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis (John Goodman) and the assembled responders.

Explosions abound during the hunt for the perpetrators after the Boston marathon bombings are carried out

"It's terrorism, we'll take it!" responds FBI special agent Richard DesLauriers (Kevin Bacon) as he discovers fragments of a bomb at the scene. Sergeant Tommy Saunders (Wahlberg) and his wife Carol (Michelle Monaghan), a registered nurse, are on the front line during the subsequent man hunt. Their resolves are tested, along with Boston's mayor Thomas Menino (Vincent Curatola), and other figures in public office including Police Sergeant Jeffrey Pugliese (JK Simmons).

Meanwhile, Dzhokhar and Tamerlan steal a car belonging to student Dun Meng (Jimmy O Yang), which they intend to drive to New York to carry out more atrocities.

Patriots Day seamlessly blends footage shot by witnesses, who were in Boston that day, with grainy reconstructions to document events before the explosions up to the point that one of the suspects is found hiding inside a boat.

Berg's bombastic approach to action sequences sets our pulses racing and he effortlessly holds us in a vice-like grip for more than two hours, even if we know the chain of events from news coverage.

Wahlberg portrays another steadfast all-American hero, who refuses to let anyone harm the city he loves.

Book reviews

KINGMAKERS

By Timothy Venning
Published by Amberley

Turbulent is the word often used to describe the history of the Marches area, those borderlands of England and Wales.

But on the basis of this book it is something of an understatement, with large helpings of torture, execution, battle, and generalised killing.

The theme of this book is to show how the Marcher lords were so powerful that they exerted an influence on the throne which was to shape the history of the entire nation. It is a big story spanning several centuries which Venning tells in a stream of names, places, and events in an information overload for the reader, and his liking for putting extra titbits in parenthesis is tiresomely overdone. Readability suffers.

By John Mountford

PERCY POOLE AND THE GHOST TRAIN

By W Charles Thompson
Published by Arthur Stockwell Ltd

In 1933, 14-year-old Percy, son of Detective Inspector Poole, is train-spotting at Birmingham's Snow Hill station.when he notices a train speeding by unlike anything he's ever seen before.

During investigations into the loss of several priceless works of art, Detective Inspector Poole also goes missing. Percy, with help from his dead sister whose ghost he can see and talk to, follows a series of clues to solve the mystery of the strange black train, and to get his father back. I'd love to think there are still enough boys around to enjoy this cracking mystery set in a time before computers, the internet, and mobile phones dominated our lives.

By Leo Williams

THREE DAUGHTERS OF EVE

By Elif Shafak
Published by Viking

For anyone trying to make sense of the current political tumult, Elif Shafak's timely novel is a good place to start.

At first glance, Three Daughters Of Eve tells the story of Peri, an academic introverted young girl from Istanbul, torn between the religiosity of her devout mother and the secularism of her irascible atheist father.

At Oxford, she is determined to find out which of her parents is right about God and where her own beliefs lielt's also the story of modern Istanbul and the constantly changing lines of politics, money, faith and patriotism.

Most significantly, this book is an intelligent exploration of the questions thrown up by Trump and Brexit.

By Tory Lyne-Pirkis

The choir hit global stardom in 2007 and has released a series of albums

The choir has appeared at many prestigious events in its 70 year history

Landmark birthday celebration for choir

A CHOIR, who in 2006 unexpectedly became the most well known Male Voice Choir of the past decade, celebrates its 70th anniversary this year.

The Fron Choir, which has many members from the Oswestry area, started off its celebrations with a concert in Liverpool on February 17 then two St David's celebration concerts in North Wales.

Their first opportunity to celebrate Dewi Sant came in Rhyl's Pavilion where they were joined by Flint brothers Richard and Adam who were finalists in Britain's Got Talent in 2013.

The choir's second concert took place at Bangor Cathedral.

Here they were joined by local Menai Bridge Band Porthaethwy who have their own celebrations this year.

Youngsters

The band make the choir seem like mere youngsters as they celebrate their 120th anniversary.

The choir's Bangor Cathedral concert was the first of five performances in UK cathedrals as later in the year they have concerts in Llandaff, Truro, St David's and St Asaph.

The choir was formed in 1947, in the wake of the Second World War.

Europe was on the verge of ruin, but in a gesture of hope and peace the people in the Vale of Llangollen united in song, giving birth to the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

The men of the village of Froncysyllte wanted to take part in this new Eisteddfod.

It was from these noble beginnings that the Fron Male Voice Choir emerged.

They needed 60 choristers to compete at the Eisteddfod.

They enlisted men from all ages and walks of life, many returning from serving their country, but they were short of the required number of choristers.

Not to be defeated they persuaded some

SPECIAL REPORT

By Sue Austin

of the young boys of the village's youth choir to join in order to make up the required 60 voices.

Seventy years on two of those young boys are still singing with the choir.

After 60 years of successfully competing in choral competitions and performing in concerts throughout the UK, Europe, Canada and America they unexpectedly in 2007 became the most famous Male Voice Choir of the past decade. In November 2006 they were spotted singing at a wedding by one of the guests, Daniel Glatman, the manager of the boy band Blue.

He was so moved by the choir's captivating sound that he secured them a commercial contract with Universal, the world's largest record label.

Their first commercial CD entitled Voices of the Valley immediately stormed into the mainstream charts at number nine and sailed to the top of the classic charts, becoming the fastest selling classical album of all time, an accolade previously held by Luciano Pavarotti.

Their Voices of the Valley album was awarded a gold disc within three days and they went on to sit on top of the classic charts. In subsequent years they released another four successful albums with Universal Classic and Jazz (UCJ) and the Decca label.

Their huge popularity resulted in them undertaking UK tours, taking in concerts as far afield as Glasgow, London, Manchester, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Cardiff and Ipswich; at such prestigious venues as The Bridgwater Hall Manchester, Symphony Hall Birmingham, Royal Concert Hall Glasgow, London Festival Hall, St George's Hall Bradford, and the Moat of the Tower of London. The choir grew a bigger fanbase, with national TV appearances including such favourites as The Parkinson Show, Paul O'Grady Show and the Alan Titchmarsh Show.

The choir's singing has been an unforgettable experience for many

Winter's Tale production ready to take to the stage

A Winter's Tale is coming to North Wales

A THEATRE performance which has taken to the stage all over the world will next week be coming to Mold in North Wales.

The town's Theatr Clwyd will stage a new production of The Winter's Tale.

The production, by the Cheek by Jowl theatre company, will run from Tuesday to Saturday next week and will be performed with an English company.

Following on from previously announced international dates, including performances in Brooklyn and Chicago in December, the production will be performed at various venues throughout the UK including Glasgow, the Theatre Royal Bath, the Barbican and Bristol Old Vic.

The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare will be directed by Declan Donnellan and the designer is Nick Ormerod.

One of Shakespeare's greatest plays, The Winter's Tale, though written at the same period as The Tempest, smashes all the rules that The Tempest follows.

Unity of time, place and action are hurled aside as the action ranges across Europe, from court to country, from high tragedy to low comedy, across a time span of sixteen years.

The Winter's Tale tells of a delusional and paranoid king who tears his family apart.

But this is the new Shakespeare, after he completed his great tragedies, and the tough struggle for redemption yields flickers of hope.

Initial darkness gives way to joy as Time leads the characters to a shattering conclusion. Declan Donnellan directs The Winter's Tale.

He is joint founder of Cheek by Jowl with Nick Ormerod.

Donnellan has directed productions for the National, the RSC, the Avignon, Edinburgh and Salzburg Festivals and has received awards in Moscow, Paris, New York and London, including three Laurence Olivier Awards.

In France he was made a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres and this year was presented with the Golden Lion of Venice for Lifetime Achievement.

In opera he has directed Bryn Terfel, in dance, the Bolshoi Ballet and in film Kristin Scott-Thomas, Robert Pattinson and Uma Thurman.

Cheek by Jowl was formed in 1981 by joint artistic directors Declan Donnellan and Nick Ormerod.

DVD releases

Trolls (Cert U)

Trolls is a glitter-dusted, computer-animated joy

FEATURING the voices of: Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Zooey Deschanel, Russell Brand

8/10

Once a year on the Trollstice, a race of disgruntled ogres called Bergens feast on shiny trolls.

Thankfully, the tiny creatures' leader, King Peppy (Jeffrey Tambor), orchestrates a daring escape to a new home.

Twenty years later, his daughter Princess Poppy (Anna Kendrick) has succeeded as ruler of the trolls, who sing, dance, enjoy group hugs and feverishly glue felt into their scrapbooks.

Everyone except for eternal pessimist Branch (Justin Timberlake), who lives in a Bergen-proof bunker crammed with 10 years of rations.

When the Bergen's head chef (Christine Baranski) discovers the new troll village and captures several of Poppy's friends, including zen master Creek (Russell Brand) and Biggie (James Corden), the princess embarks on a daredevil rescue mission with Branch in tow.

Together, they infiltrate the Bergen castle, where they play reluctant matchmakers to Prince Gristle Jr (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) and his scullery maid, Bridget (Zooey Deschanel).

Trolls is a glitter-dusted, computer-animated joy, crammed to bursting with toe-tapping pop ditties courtesy of Simon & Garfunkel, Lionel Richie, Donna Summer and leading man Timberlake.

His vocal performance, as the downbeat voice of reason, gels wonderfully with ebullient co-star Kendrick.

Walt Dohrn and Mike Mitchell's musical misadventure unleashes a colour-saturated assault on the senses from the opening frames.

I, Daniel Blake (Cert 15)

Daniel meets feisty single mother Katie

STARRING: Dave Johns, Dylan McKiernan, Briana Shann, Hayley Squires

8/10

Daniel (Dave Johns) has recently suffered a heart attack and his doctor has signed him off work until he recovers.

Following an assessment by telephone, a letter from the Department for Work and Pensions arrives in the post, which reveals he is not entitled to sickness benefit. In order to qualify for jobseeker's allowance, Daniel has to agree to spend his week pointlessly looking for employment or attending a CV workshop. During one foray in search of compassion, Daniel meets feisty single mother Katie (Hayley Squires) and her two young children, Dylan (Dylan McKiernan) and Daisy (Briana Shann), who have been moved hundreds of miles from London into rundown council accommodation in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Despite his woes, Daniel becomes a fatherly figure to Katie, completing simple DIY tasks to ensure her accommodation is tolerable. I, Daniel Blake is a quiet yet impassioned call to arms from director Ken Loach, centred on two people from different worlds, who have fallen through the cracks and are largely ignored by society.

Scripted by Loach's long-time collaborator Paul Laverty, it's a character study of mordant humour and harsh, unflinching reality.

Casualty

8.40pm

David takes a heavily pregnant Robyn to a graveyard, and makes a candid confession about his mental state while visiting his brother's final resting place. However, any further progress is halted when Robyn suddenly goes into labour. Meanwhile, on the booze bus, Jez manages to impress Louise.

Britain at War: Imperial War Museums at 100

7.30pm

Falklands War veteran and charity campaigner Simon Weston marks 100 years since the establishment of the Imperial War Museums. In this programme Weston examines 10 key objects from the IWM's collection, with help from special 'advocates.'

Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway

7.30pm

The duo's weekend entertainment revue continues, as Ant and Dec go head-to-head against 'professional gigglers' Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby in Make 'Em Laugh. Scarlett Moffatt teams up with precocious junior hosts Little Ant and Dec to join in the fun.

Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service

8pm

The actress visits the Queen's official Scottish residence, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, and explores the bed chamber once occupied by Mary, Queen of Scots. She also boards the royal yacht Britannia and visits Inveraray Castle.

NCIS

8pm

Ducky is assaulted by a man who claims to have previously undisclosed information about his half-brother, who died decades ago. While his NCIS colleagues traces the attacker's whereabouts, Dr Mallard recalls the emotional final days he spent with his sibling.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. Guest Sara Cox joins host Matt Tebbutt, and will no doubt hopes chefs Galton Blackiston and Phil Howard can provide energy-boosting treats ahead of her Comic Relief 80's Danceathon.
11.30 Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches.
12.00 BBC News; Weather.
12.10 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v Italy (Kick-off 12.30pm). Gabby Logan presents coverage of the opening match on the final day of the championship, which takes place at Murrayfield.
2.25 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Wales (Kick-off 2.45pm). John Inverdale presents from the Stade de France, as Wales look to end a disappointing campaign on a high against Les Bleus.
5.00 Escape to the Country. Finding a home in Argyll and Bute with a £350,000 budget. (R)
5.40 BBC News.
5.50 Midlands Today; Weather.
6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong quizzes eight writers – John O'Farrell, Emma Kennedy, Kathy Lette, Kate Mosse, Benjamin Zephaniah, Roger McGough, Terry Deary and Bryony Gordon. (R)
6.45 Let's Sing and Dance for Comic Relief. Sally Lindsay, Alison Hammond, the presenters of The One Show, Gogglebox duo Steph and Dom Parker, and comedians Pete Firman and Ellie Taylor take to the stage in the third round.
8.00 Who Dares Wins. Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.
8.40 Casualty. Robyn ends up going into labour while accompanying David to his brother's final resting place, and Jez manages to impress Louise with his compassion during a shift on the booze bus.
9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes and the Brown family await the fruits of their fraud after faking Grandad's death to get a payout, but the insurance company starts to grow suspicious. (R)
10.00 BBC News; National Lottery Update.
10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included West Bromwich Albion v Arsenal at the Hawthorns and Everton v Hull City at Goodison Park.
11.45 This Country. Kerry and Kurtan explore the possibility of moving away from their village as Kurtan receives the exciting news that he could go to college to study for a GNVQ.
12.10 FILM: My Brother the Devil (2012). A teenager longs to follow in the footsteps of his drug dealing older brother, who wants a better life for both of them. Drama, starring James Floyd.
1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead.
2.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 FILM: Blackbeard the Pirate (1952). Swashbuckling adventure, starring Robert Newton.
8.10 FILM: Whisky Galore! (1949). Ealing comedy, starring Basil Radford.
9.30 Coast. The team visits estuaries around the UK. (R)
10.30 Homes Under the Hammer. Properties in London, Kent and Cheshire. (R)
11.30 Mary Berry Everyday. Crowd-pleasing dishes. (R)
12.00 The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. The pastry chef prepares iles flottantes. (R)
12.30 FILM: Firecreek (1968). Western, starring James Stewart.
2.15 Bargain Hunt. Searching for antiques in Hay-on-Wye, Powys. (R)
3.00 Gardeners' World. Monty Don mulches the borders in preparation for spring. (R)
3.30 University Challenge. The quarter-final matches continue. (R)
4.00 Only Connect. The Psmiths take on the Verbivores in the concluding quarter-final. (R)
4.30 Final Score. A round-up of this afternoon's football results.
5.30 Flog It! From Todmorden, West Yorkshire. (R)
6.30 Wild Ireland: The Edge of the World. Part one of two. Natural history cinematographer Colin Stafford-Johnson journeys along Ireland's Atlantic coast, focusing on the wildlife and wild places that make it so special. (R)
7.30 Britain at War: Imperial War Museums at 100. Falklands War veteran Simon Weston marks 100 years since the establishment of the Imperial War Museums by exploring the stories of 10 key items from the organisation's collection.
8.30 Dad's Army. The men head off for a weekend at a training camp, but arrive late and hungry after Mainwaring's map-reading skills are found to be somewhat lacking. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)
9.00 Dame Vera Lynn: Happy 100th Birthday. The former "forces sweetheart" celebrates her 100th birthday by recalling highlights from her career, from first taking to the stage in the 1920s to topping the UK charts in 2009.
10.00 QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz with a difference, with guests Sheila Hancock, Jimmy Carr and Jeremy Clarkson joining regular panellist Alan Davies.
10.45 FILM: True Grit (2010). A farm girl recruits a hard-drinking, one-eyed marshal to help her track down the man who killed her father. The Coen brothers' Western, with Jeff Bridges.
12.30 FILM: Ash Wednesday (2002). A reformed New York mobster tangles with his former cronies when his supposedly dead brother shows up from nowhere. Thriller, starring Edward Burns.
2.00 This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

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7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled! Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. A mystery animal moves in with Bean. (R)
7.50 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. Cartoon about a mischievous youngster. (R)
8.10 Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! The teenage superheroes fight to save the world.
8.30 Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. Children are taught to survive in the wild.
9.05 Scrambled!: Adventure Time. Fun for children. (R)
9.25 Alphabetical. Quiz, hosted by Jeff Stelling. (R)
10.20 Judge Rinder. Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
11.20 Rebound. Quiz, hosted by Sean Fletcher. (R)
12.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.30 FILM: Carry On Matron (1972). Comedy, starring Sid James.
2.15 Off Their Rockers. Senior citizens play pranks on the public. (R)
2.45 The Voice UK. The final night of the live knock-out rounds. (R)
4.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Ireland v England (Kick-off 5.00pm). Coverage of the final match of the championship, which takes place at the Aviva Stadium and is likely to decide the destination of the title.
7.30 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The presenter duo take on Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby in Make 'Em Laugh, and introduce another musical treat in the End of the Show Show.
8.30 The Voice UK. The tension mounts as the contest enters the quarter-finals, and coaches Jennifer Hudson, Tom Jones, Will.i.am and Gavin Rossdale seek to find this year's eight semi-finalists.
10.30 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.45 Lethal Weapon. Riggs and Murtaugh pursue a violent case featuring a drug cartel, theft and two killings. Murtaugh's old training officer also seems involved, leaving him with a difficult decision. (R)
11.35 FILM: Rambo III (1988). Vietnam veteran John Rambo heads for Afghanistan on a quest to rescue his old boss Colonel Trautman from prison. Action adventure sequel, with Sylvester Stallone and Richard Crenna.
1.25 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? Former athlete and strongman Geoff Capes hosts a dinner party for four guests, who will win a cash prize if they can guess his identity from cryptic culinary clues. (R)

Channel 4

6.20 The King of Queens. (R)
6.45 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
7.35 Race of Champions 2017. David Coulthard presents highlights of day one.
8.30 Frasier. Roz returns to her old job. (R)
9.00 Frasier. Julia offends the entire Crane family. (R)
9.30 Frasier. Patrick Stewart guest stars. (R)
10.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R)
10.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R)
11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R)
11.30 The Simpsons. (R)
12.00 The Simpsons. Homer's half-brother returns. (R)
12.30 The Simpsons. Bart and Lisa visit Kamp Krusty. (R)
1.00 Come Dine with Me. The first of a week of dinner parties in Belfast. (R)
1.30 Come Dine with Me. Executive Julie hopes fusion food will charm her guests in Belfast. (R)
2.00 Come Dine with Me. In Belfast, it's the turn of mobile barista Justin to host a dinner party. (R)
2.30 Come Dine with Me. Executive assistant Cushla tries to win over her guests with some impressive cuisine. (R)
3.00 Come Dine with Me. Garage owner Marty hosts the final dinner party of the week in Belfast. (R)
3.30 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. A couple from Northamptonshire search for a property in Mallorca. (R)
4.30 Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer go house-hunting in Cambridgeshire. (R)
5.35 Grand Designs. A couple from the Wirral plan to completely transform a bungalow. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Escape to the Chateau. Dick and Angel try to live self-sufficiently, and invest in some chickens to provide them with eggs. However, they are still without heat and water and the 59 windows are crumbling. (R)
8.00 Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service. The actress visits the Queen's official Scottish residence and the royal yacht Britannia, and meets the Master of the Royal Household of Scotland and the Royal Falconer. (R)
9.00 FILM: Lucy (2014). Premiere. A courier seeks revenge on the gangsters who kidnapped her after a drug grants her superhuman abilities. Sci-fi thriller, with Scarlett Johansson and Morgan Freeman.
10.45 FILM: RoboCop (2014). A critically injured police officer is rebuilt as a crime-fighting cyborg, but struggles to retain free will. Sci-fi thriller remake, with Joel Kinnaman and Gary Oldman.
12.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. An Italian restaurant in Pennsylvania run by warring siblings. (R)
1.45 Hollyoaks.
3.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R)
4.50 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)
4.55 Fifteen to One. (R)
5.50 The King of Queens. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig **6.05** Peppa Pig **6.10** Milkshake! Monkey **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.20** Paw Patrol **6.30** Bob the Builder **6.40** Fireman Sam **6.55** Rupert Bear **7.05** Olly the Little White Van **7.10** Wanda and the Alien **7.20** Angelina Ballerina **7.35** Little Princess **7.45** Paw Patrol **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.25** Noddy: Toyland Detective **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.00** Shimmer and Shine **9.25** Peppa Pig **9.35** Peppa Pig **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.
10.30 Access.
10.40 On Benefits: Life on the Dole. (R)
11.40 On Benefits: Life on the Dole. (R)
12.35 On Benefits: Life on the Dole. People who rely on benefits. (R)
1.30 Dance Moms. Nina's mother makes a stand.
2.25 Dance Moms. Abby tries to set up Brooke with her duet partner.
3.20 Dance Moms. Chloe finds herself at the top of Abby's pyramid.
4.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)
5.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. High Court Enforcement Agents Paul and Phil are involved in a brothel eviction. (R)
6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)
7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles. The team investigates when a diplomatic service van is hijacked during the transportation of an unknown package from the State Department. Crime drama, starring Chris O'Donnell.
8.00 NCIS. Ducky is assaulted by a mysterious assailant who claims to have information about his long-dead half-brother. Meanwhile, Bishop and Jake discuss the future of their relationship.
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Nottingham Forest v Derby County, and Leeds United v Brighton & Hove Albion.
10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Action from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Sheffield United v Charlton Athletic, and Leyton Orient v Doncaster Rovers.
10.30 Platoon: The True Story. Oliver Stone reveals the real-life events that inspired his Oscar-winning Vietnam War film and talks about the soldiers he fought alongside in the conflict.
11.30 Criminals: Caught on Camera. Nick Wallis discovers how CCTV is helping to bring criminals using weapons to justice, including footage of a raid by a gang on a west London jewellery shop. (R)
12.00 SuperCasino.
3.10 Inside King's Cross: The Railway. (R)
4.00 Inside Buckingham Palace. (R)
4.50 House Doctor. (R)
5.15 Wildlife SOS. (R)
5.40 Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Antiques Roadshow
8pm
Fiona Bruce presents the show from Burton Constable Hall near Hull, where historic items brought in to be valued include a series of letters written by Florence Nightingale and the diaries of an SS officer held as a prisoner of war in Britain, the first ever piece of transatlantic air mail.

Robot Wars
7pm
Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the third heat. Eight teams battle it out to win a single place in the grand final, pitting robots Foxic, Expulsion, Heavy Metal, MR Speed Squared, Thor, Tauron, Chimera 2 and Concussion against each other in the arena.

Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
6.30pm
The big-collared comedian returns with another round of madcap fun and laughter aimed at proving just how daft the human race can be. This week should be easy as he is joined by a couple of professional comedians in the shape of Mel Giedroyc and Bridget Christie.

Our Guy in China
7pm
Guy Martin examines China's history of innovation, technological development and manufacturing, revealing the unseen side of China's outstanding achievements. His adventure starts in Chongqing where he works in a factory to build his own electric motorbike.

Elysium
9pm
In the future, most of the human race exists in poverty on a ruined Earth, while a wealthy elite live in luxury on an orbiting space station. A man dying of radiation poisoning fights security forces to gain access to the satellite and its medical facilities. Sci-fi thriller, starring Matt Damon.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included West Bromwich Albion v Arsenal at the Hawthorns and Everton v Hull City at Goodison Park. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **The Big Questions.** Religious and ethical debates from Cardiff.
11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** From Builth Wells in Wales. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Flog It!** From Herne Bay, Kent. (R)
2.15 **Countryfile Spring Diaries.** A look at the impact of the arrival of spring around the nation. (R)
3.00 **Escape to the Country.** A Croydon couple seeking a rural retreat in Somerset. (R)
3.45 **Lifeline.** An appeal on behalf of the Cure Parkinson's Trust.
3.55 **Songs of Praise.**
4.30 **Shop Well for Less?** A Welsh couple with a love of designer brands. (R)
5.30 **BBC News.**
5.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.00 **The Big Painting Challenge.** Mariella Frostrup and Rev Richard Coles present the final from Greenwich, where the contestants must paint the Old Royal Naval College from the Thames. Last in the series.
7.00 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Anita Rani present the show from the Hoo Peninsula, reporting on the influence of the local "salt shepherds" and efforts to protect the birds that flock to the area.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents the show from Burton Constable Hall near Hull, where historic items brought in to be valued include a series of letters written by Florence Nightingale.
9.00 **SS-GB.** Archer and Harry have to get the king out of London, only to realise too late that they have been led into a trap. Barbara faces being deported back to the US. Last in the series.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v Liverpool, Middlesbrough v Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur v Southampton.
11.40 **American High School.** The school year draws to a close, but several seniors are at risk of failing. Jalena is given the responsibility of writing a speech for the graduation ceremony. Last in the series.
12.30 **The Celebrity Apprentice USA.** Two semi-finalists are fired, before the others are challenged to create a new flavour of ice cream, produce a promotional video, and raise money to hold a launch event.
1.55 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
2.00 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **A to Z of TV Gardening.** Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter G. (R)
6.45 **An Island Parish.** Sark hosts a talent competition. (R)
7.15 **Around the World in 80 Gardens.** Monty Don explores the gardens of the US. (R)
8.15 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don mulches the borders in preparation for spring. (R)
8.45 **Countryfile.** Adam Henson presents clips on farming from the Countryfile Archive. (R)
9.45 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series.
11.15 **Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day.** Comfort food, including almond and lentil stew, and tumbler trifle. (R)
11.45 **Simply Nigella.** (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** Mark Chapman presents football discussion.
1.00 FILM: **Day of the Evil Gun (1968).** Western, starring Glenn Ford.
2.30 **The House That £100K Built.** A couple who want to build a house inspired by medieval timber frame homes. (R)
3.30 **Back to the Land with Kate Humble.** How rural businesses are faring in South Devon. (R)
4.30 **Ski Sunday Special: Freestyle Ski & Snowboard World Championships.** Highlights of the event from Sierra Nevada in Spain.
6.00 **Six Nations Rugby Union.** John Inverdale introduces highlights from the final round of matches in this year's championship, featuring Ireland v England, Scotland v Italy and France v Wales.
7.00 **Robot Wars.** Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the third heat, as eight teams compete to win a place in the grand final through two group battles and a head to head fight.
8.00 **Top Gear.** Rory Reid and Sabine Schmitz go in search of the latest supercars at Germany's Nurburgring circuit, while Tamsin Greig is this week's Star in a Reasonably Fast Car.
9.00 **Down the Mighty River with Steve Backshall.** Part two of two. The naturalist braves the dangerous white waters of the Baliem River's lower gorge and encounters a tribe that has had little contact with the outside world.
10.00 FILM: **While We're Young (2014).** Premiere. A middle-aged man and his wife have their lives turned upside down by their friendship with a younger couple. Comedy drama, starring Ben Stiller and Naomi Watts.
11.35 **Women's Six Nations Highlights.** Eilidh Barbour presents action from the concluding round of fixtures in this year's competition, which featured Scotland v Italy, Ireland v England and France v Wales.
12.05 FILM: **Sergeant Rutledge (1960).** Western courtroom drama, starring Woody Strode.
1.50 **Sign Zone: Question Time.** (R)
2.50 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
3.50 **This Is BBC2.**

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7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!**
7.35 **Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors.** Part two of four. The Goblin opens portals to other worlds.
8.20 **Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.** (R)
8.45 **Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go!**
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** (R)
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Countrywise: Guide to Britain.** (R)
10.00 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.
10.55 **Wild Australia with Ray Mears.** (R)
11.25 **Chopping Block.** The final day focuses on French-inspired dishes. Last in the series. (R)
12.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.30 **Who's Doing the Dishes?** Oliver! star Mark Lester is today's mystery host. (R)
1.30 **Off Their Rockers.** Senior citizens play pranks on the public. (R)
2.00 **Tipping Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
3.00 **The Voice UK.** The singing contest enters the quarter-finals. (R)
5.00 **Little Big Shots.** Dawn French gets outsmarted by a five-year-old member of Mensa. (R)
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.10 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule.** The comedian is joined by Mel Giedroyc, Bridget Christie, Eamonn Holmes and Judith Chalmers for the madcap panel show, in which the aim is to save Earth from an alien invasion. (R)
7.00 **Five Gold Rings.** Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which two friends take on a mother and son to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor.
8.00 **Vera.** New series. The detective investigates when the body of a wildlife ranger is found on a remote island. She seems to have been murdered, but was alone on the island when she died.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.20 **The Nightly Show Best Bits.** Highlights of the second week of the entertainment show, with Davina McCall presenting a mix of topical monologues, studio games, celebrity guests, stand-up and video clips.
10.50 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R)
11.50 **Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights.** Action from the final at The Stoop, as Saracens or Leicester Tigers faced Exeter Chiefs or Harlequins. Saracens lifted the trophy when this tournament last took place in 2014/15.
12.40 **Jackpot247.**
3.00 **The Cube.** Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield. (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

Channel 4

6.15 **The King of Queens.** Doug and Carrie go to a baseball game. (R)
6.40 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra and Ray befriend a new couple. (R)
7.05 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert becomes convinced he has found the perfect woman. (R)
7.35 **Race of Champions 2017.** Highlights of day two of the event from Marlins Park in Miami.
8.30 **Frasier.** Martin and Frasier become love rivals. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** Roz organises a date for Frasier. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Gavin Rossdale, Dave Johns and Kate Garraway.
12.30 **The Simpsons.** Lisa joins a group of eco-radicals. (R)
1.00 **The Simpsons.** Mr Burns hires Homer to play pranks. (R)
1.30 FILM: **Rio (2011).** Animated comedy, with the voice of Jesse Eisenberg.
3.25 FILM: **Johnny English Reborn (2011).** Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson.
5.30 **Channel 4 News.**
6.00 **Dave's Guide to Spending Money.** Dave Fishwick explores whether products are worth the price, attempting to sell bottled tap water and setting up his own renewable power station in his back garden.
7.00 **Our Guy in China.** Guy Martin examines China's history of innovation, technological development and manufacturing, revealing the unseen side of China's outstanding achievements. (R)
8.00 **Rivers with Jeremy Paxman.** The presenter travels along the Mersey, exploring its role in the development of Britain's industry and how it has recovered from years of pollution to become a haven for wildlife.
9.00 **Homeland.** While Carrie and Saul present evidence to Keane, Quinn tracks a mark.
10.00 **Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.00 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts the popular quiz as Sean Lock and David Mitchell compete against Jon Richardson and Katherine Ryan. The Brett Domino Trio help out in Dictionary Corner. (R)
12.00 FILM: **The Five-Year Engagement (2012).** A couple decide to get married, but unexpected changes in their lives keep them from making it to the altar. Romantic comedy, starring Jason Segel, Emily Blunt and Rhys Ifans.
2.10 **The Last Leg.** A comic review of the past seven days. (R)
3.05 **Scruffts: Britain's Favourite Dog.** A look at family dogs and the work done by canine lovers. (R)
4.00 **Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.** Kirstie Allsopp creates candy canes and passion fruit marshmallows. (R)
4.10 **Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.** A cottage in Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex. (R)
5.05 **Fifteen to One.** (R)

Channel 5

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9.55 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The Fugitoid reveals his terrible secret.
10.30 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (R)
11.30 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (R)
12.00 **The Gadget Show.** The technology helping to create Olympic boxing medallists. (R)
1.05 FILM: **Batteries Not Included (1987).** Sci-fi fantasy, starring Jessica Tandy.
3.05 FILM: **Zathura: A Space Adventure (2005).** Family sci-fi adventure, starring Josh Hutcherson and Jonah Bobo.
5.00 FILM: **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (2013).** Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Bill Hader.
6.50 **5 News Weekend.**
6.55 FILM: **Left Behind (2014).** An airline pilot struggles to save the passengers on his flight when people start disappearing across the world. Fantasy adventure, starring Nicolas Cage and Lea Thompson. Edited for daytime broadcast.
9.00 FILM: **Elysium (2013).** A man living in poverty on a ruined Earth fights to gain access to a space station inhabited by a wealthy elite. Sci-fi thriller, starring Matt Damon and Jodie Foster. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm.
11.10 FILM: **Dark Skies (2013).** A suburban American home attracts the attention of alien invaders, who wage a campaign of terror against its residents. Sci-fi horror, starring Keri Russell and Josh Hamilton.
12.55 **Greatest Sci-Fi Movies.** Documentary revisiting some of the more memorable out-of-this-world film scenes, with anecdotes from those directly involved and comments from celebrities, critics and fans. (R)
2.10 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
4.00 **Criminals: Caught On Camera.** Journalist Nick Wallis joins police forces across the nation to discover how CCTV and other technological advances are helping to bring criminals to justice. (R)
4.50 **House Doctor.** A split-level bungalow in Perthshire. (R)
5.15 **Wildlife SOS.** The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)
5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** Angel Ellie arrives on Jam. (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** Mr Carburettor tests a new wetsuit. (R)

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Can Kia's 'big little car' be a big hit?

By Graham Breeze

Globally the Rio is Kia's best seller so will the introduction of an all-new 1.0litre model make the car a big hit in the UK?

The company described the fourth generation model as a "big little car" as it arrived this week, featuring an amazing new turbocharged one litre petrol engine at the head of a 10-model line-up.

I've been boring friends, family and readers about the brilliant range of one litre engines on the market these days and Kia bosses have also recognised the importance of getting in on the action, determined to carve out a bigger slice of the B-sector cake.

With the range revealed this week you'd be hard pressed not be overjoyed by the performance of the Rio 3 which comes with a 1.0litre T-GDi 99bhp engine, producing a top speed of 115mph, reaching 60mph in 10.3 seconds, with average fuel consumption over 60mpg and C02 emissions of just 102g/km.

That means it's just £30 to licence.

The1.0-litre T-GDi engine is offered in Rio for the first time and heads a seven-strong powertrain line-up which shows improvements in fuel efficiency and CO2 emissions over the outgoing Rio

Just as I have been with Ford and Suzuki variations on the one litre theme I am completely gobsmacked at the gutsy performance of this offering from Kia and as a layman can only marvel at the technology behind such performance.

For the more technical reader out there it's an example of Kia's advanced engine technology capabilities through downsizing, turbocharging, direct fuel injection and

Inside is dominated by a huge touchscreen

weight reduction, with a number of detailed engineering solutions to minimise throttle lag and reduce internal friction.

But it's not all about what's under the bonnet because the Rio is a sharper looking car now, with a wider "tiger-nose" front grille, reshape headlights which incorporate impressive cornering lights and automatic main-beam dipping.

The new Rio is bigger too. There's a longer wheelbase, bonn

et and front overhang and a lower roofline. There's also more shoulder room but although rear legroom has been increased it's still on the tight side in the back.

There's 13 per cent more boot room with the lifting back door opening to reveal 325 litres of space – just enough for the golf clubs.

There's still a lot of plastic inside the cabin which is dominated by a large touchscreen which incorporates Kia Connected Services and Android Auto and Apple CarPlay smartphone integration with access to the car's navigation and infotainment systems, and live traffic updates, weather reports and fixed speed camera locations.

KIA RIO, FROM £11,995

Kia is describing its new 1.0 litre Rio as its 'big little car'. No-one can doubt how far the Rio has come over the last few years.

In manual format the 1.0litre GTDi Rio has an intelligent Stop & Go (ISG) system to eliminate tailpipe emissions and a five-speed manual gearbox as standard.

There's no skimping when it comes to protecting driver and passengers, with a stiffened body shell to enhance crash safety while the front, rear and side crumple zones absorb impact energy.

There's also a raft of other safety features including Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and Vehicle Stability Management (VSM) ,Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB) and a Lane Departure Warning system fitted as standard.

Rio comes with a seven-year/100,000-mile warranty covering all labour and parts except those subject to normal wear and tear.

The warranty is transferable if the car is sold before the time/mileage limit expires.

The all-new Rio is also available with Care-3 and Care-3 Plus servicing packages for retail customers. These cover the cost of all routine servicing work for three or five years and, like the warranty, can be passed on if the car is sold before they expire.

Prices start at £11,995 though the 1.0litre G-TDi tested sells at £16,295 which is still a lot of money but competitive in the B-sector.

Will it be a UK success?

Well only time will tell but no-one can doubt just how far the Kio Rio has come in the last few years.

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i30 Tourer: elegance meets versatility

This week saw the unveiling of the new generation Hyundai i30 Tourer. The new member of the i30 family maintains the timeless design of its five-door sibling, adding elegance and versatility in its body style.

"Designed, developed, tested and manufactured in Europe, the new generation Hyundai i30 is Hyundai Motor's DNA car in Europe," says Thomas A Schmid, chief operating officer at Hyundai Motor Europe.

"The i30 is more than just a model – it is a family of cars, consisting of four body types with unique characters united by a coherent, timeless design," he added.

Elegance

"With the new i30 Tourer we are now introducing the next body type, offering elegance and versatility for everyone."

"The new generation i30 Tourer speaks the language of the i30 family in terms of design, and it carries the new Hyundai family identity – the Cascading Grille," explains Thomas Bürkle, chief designer at Hyundai Design Centre Europe.

"The tapering roofline and the dynamic proportions give the Tourer an almost coupé-like silhouette.

"The sleek and dynamic profile is further emphasised by a rich chrome frame surrounding the side windows," he added.

In combination with the full-LED headlamps and the vertical LED daytime running lights, the New Generation i30 Tourer has a strong visual presence.

The i30 Tourer's sleek design does not compromise boot space: with 602 litres of space (VDA 211) and 1,650 litres (VDA 214) with the seats folded, it has one of the biggest boots in the segment.

The i30 Tourer comes with ample boot space

Versatility is further enhanced by the additional storage space beneath the boot floor with several compartments.

Hyundai offers the latest active safety and connectivity features for the new generation i30 Tourer.

The i30 offers best-in-class standard active safety along with Autonomous Emergency Braking, Driver Attention Alert, High Beam Assist and Lane Keeping Assist System always on board.

The i30 Tourer offers customers a spacious and elegant interior with a horizontal layout and free floating screen for the infotainment system.

The eight-inch touch screen of the new generation navigation system offers state-of-the-art connectivity features such as Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and LIVE Services. A wireless charging system for smartphones with the Qi standard is available as well.

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As an alternative, customers can choose between different audio options, including the audio system with a five-inch capacitive LCD touch screen with integrated dynamic rear-view camera, Bluetooth connectivity and My Music functionality. The powertrain line-up of the i30 Tourer consists of downsized turbocharged engines to enhance efficiency and responsiveness (preliminary fuel consumption in l/100 km for the Hyundai i30 Tourer range: combined 5.8 – 3.6 l/100km, CO2 Emissions 135– 95 g/km*).

Customers can choose from two petrol engines and one 1.6-litre turbo diesel engine with 110PS when deciding what car is for them.

The Tourer is available with Hyundai's all-new turbocharged four-cylinder petrol engine, the 1.4 T-GDI delivers maximum power of 140 PS and the new three-cylinder 1.0 T-GDI that delivers maximum power of 120 PS to please all petrolheads.

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07 HONDA CRV 2.0 Manual, Black ..... SOLD
60 CITROEN BERLINGO 1.6 HDi Enterprise, Blue £3995
06 HONDA CRV 2.0 V-Tec SPORT, Silver £3895
55 CITROEN BERLINGO, Silver, Low Mileage ..... SOLD
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sheffield Utd	36	21	9	6	67	40	72
Fleetwood Twn	36	18	10	8	54	36	64
Bolton Wdrs	35	18	9	8	50	31	63
Bradford City	37	15	17	5	49	34	62
S'thorpe Utd	37	17	10	10	63	43	61
Millwall	35	16	10	9	50	41	58
Southend Utd	36	14	12	10	53	45	54
Bristol Rvrs	37	14	12	11	56	54	54
Walsall	37	13	14	10	45	45	53
Oxford Utd	35	15	7	13	46	39	52
Rochdale	34	14	8	12	50	48	50
P'borough Utd	37	14	8	15	50	50	50
Wimbledon	36	11	14	11	47	46	47
Charlton Ath	37	10	16	11	47	43	46
N'pton Twn	37	13	7	17	54	60	46
Gillingham	37	11	12	14	50	59	45
MK Dons	36	11	11	14	47	47	44
S'bury Twn	37	11	10	16	40	51	43
Bury	37	11	8	18	54	64	41
Oldham Ath	37	9	13	15	23	36	40
Port Vale	34	9	11	14	38	54	38
Swindon Twn	37	9	9	19	37	53	36
Chesterfield	37	8	8	21	33	58	32
Coventry City	36	5	11	20	30	56	26

Vanarama National N

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
AFC Fylde	33	22	7	4	92	48	73
Salford City	33	18	8	7	64	33	62
Kidderminster	32	19	5	8	57	29	62
Chorley	33	17	11	5	49	30	62
FC Halifax Twn	32	17	7	8	65	39	58
Stockport Cty	33	16	10	7	50	36	58
Darlington	33	16	9	8	71	51	57
Tamworth	33	16	5	12	53	54	53
Brackley Twn	32	14	10	8	50	35	52
Harrogate Twn	33	14	9	10	58	46	51
Gloucester City	33	15	5	13	55	52	50
FC Utd of Man	33	11	10	12	52	52	43
Curzon Ashton	33	11	8	14	50	59	41
Nuneaton Twn	32	10	9	13	46	52	39
Boston Utd	33	9	9	15	43	61	36
Telford Utd	33	8	10	15	30	43	34
Alfreton Twn	32	9	7	16	54	75	34
Bradford PA	32	9	4	19	35	61	31
Worcester City	33	6	12	15	38	50	30
Gainsborough	33	7	9	17	44	67	30
Altrincham	33	3	7	23	29	72	16
S'bridge Celtic	29	4	3	22	24	64	15

Evo-Stik League
Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shaw Lane	31	24	5	2	79	24	77
Witton Albion	29	21	5	3	67	27	68
Spalding Utd	33	19	5	9	61	36	62
Rushden & D	32	15	10	7	55	40	55
Basford Utd	35	16	10	9	59	48	55
Newcastle Twn	32	17	4	11	48	41	55
Leek Twn	32	15	9	8	45	43	54
Lincoln Utd	32	14	7	11	49	42	49
Bedworth Utd	35	13	8	14	63	62	47
Kidsgrove Ath	35	13	7	15	58	53	46
Belper Twn	33	11	12	10	40	36	45
S'bridge PS	30	13	6	11	42	39	45
Sheffield	34	12	8	14	49	50	44
Chasetown	34	12	7	15	54	57	43
Mkt Drayton	34	13	2	19	50	69	41
Stamford	32	11	7	14	47	56	40
Romulus	33	11	7	15	48	61	40
Gresley	33	8	8	17	46	68	32
Carlton Twn	32	7	9	16	38	51	30
Rugby Twn	34	6	5	23	33	63	23
L'borough Dyn	34	6	4	24	32	81	22
N'wich Victoria	33	6	11	16	44	60	19

Hallmark Security Lge
First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
L'ld REMYCA	34	21	7	6	93	55	70
City Liverpool	33	21	5	7	93	38	68
W'church A	32	21	4	7	72	36	67
Charnock R	30	20	3	7	79	41	63
Alsager Twn	31	19	5	7	79	40	62
S'bach Utd	32	19	5	8	65	40	62
Widnes	30	18	6	6	83	45	60
Prestwich H	28	17	2	9	69	37	53
Stockport Twn	33	14	8	11	77	74	50
Oswestry Twn	33	14	5	14	57	67	47
Cheadle Twn	34	13	6	15	73	74	45
St Helens Twn	31	12	7	12	67	69	43
Chadderton	28	12	6	10	64	57	42
Silsden	29	13	1	15	65	61	40
Daisy Hill	30	11	5	14	63	75	38
Carlisle City	32	11	4	17	54	74	37
Holker OB	29	10	5	14	50	63	35
Bacup Boro	31	7	5	19	30	64	26
Blackpool	33	5	8	20	40	90	23
Atherton LR	31	6	3	22	31	70	21
Eccleshall	30	3	4	23	40	103	13
Ashton Twn	30	2	2	26	30	101	8

Midland Football Lge
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Alvechurch	33	23	6	4	78	25	75
Coleshill Twn	32	21	3	8	82	45	66
Lye Twn	32	19	7	6	62	28	64
Westfields	32	17	8	7	77	50	59
Sptg Khalsa	29	17	6	6	64	32	57
Coventry Utd	33	17	5	11	52	40	56
Heanor Twn	33	15	9	9	66	51	54
St Andrews	35	16	3	16	74	79	51
Cov Sphinx	33	12	8	13	61	62	44
Boldmere	34	11	9	14	53	49	42
Shepshed D	32	11	7	14	47	49	40
Rocester	31	10	10	11	57	63	40
Lng Eaton Utd	33	11	7	15	54	66	40
Quorn	32	11	7	14	38	56	40
Walsall Wood	33	11	5	17	45	63	38
Shawbury Utd	34	12	2	20	59	80	38
S'port Swifts	32	9	10	13	50	61	37
L'boro Unity	33	8	12	13	56	56	36
Highgate Utd	30	10	6	14	48	57	36
Wulfrunians	33	10	6	17	42	66	36
Brocton	32	8	4	20	36	79	28
Tividale	33	6	4	23	40	84	22

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
B'grove Sptg	26	21	5	0	83	20	68
Leicester Rd	27	20	3	4	78	25	63
Atherstone Twn	30	18	5	7	81	43	59
Hinckley AFC	26	18	3	5	93	36	57
Cadbury Ath	31	15	11	5	63	39	56
RC Warwick	31	15	8	8	78	59	53
Lichfield City	28	15	6	7	54	36	51
Heather St J	29	14	3	12	57	48	45
Bolehall Swifts	30	13	1	16	63	71	40
Cov C'wood	30	12	4	14	61	69	40
Uttoxeter Twn	27	12	4	11	48	59	40
Littleton	28	12	2	14	52	51	38
Nuneaton Griff	29	11	4	14	57	59	37
Heath Hayes	28	9	5	14	50	54	32
Stafford Twn	31	7	8	16	56	64	29
Chelmsley Twn	30	7	6	17	51	65	27
Pelsall Villa	29	7	6	16	41	67	27
Pershore Twn	30	7	6	17	36	70	27
Studley	28	7	3	18	50	84	24
Southam Utd	28	0	3	25	8	141	3

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The New Saints	26	24	1	1	86	17	73
Bala	27	14	8	5	51	34	50
Gap Connah's Q	26	13	8	5	37	20	47
Bangor City	27	14	3	10	45	46	45
Carmarthen	27	9	8	10	36	36	35
Cardiff Met Unity	27	9	5	13	33	30	32
Newtown	27	9	7	11	41	37	34
Llandudno	27	7	11	9	24	35	32
Cefn Druids	27	6	10	11	29	43	28
Aberystwyth	27	8	3	16	32	53	27
Rhyl	27	7	5	15	34	64	26
Airbus UK B'ton	27	4	5	18	29	62	17

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prestatyn	26	23	2	1	101	26	71
Caernarfon	26	17	5	4	68	40	56
Gresford Ath	26	16	1	9	60	39	49
Flint Utd	26	14	5	7	58	39	47
Porthmadog	26	14	2	10	58	41	44
Holywell	24	11	6	7	37	30	39
Caersws	26	12	3	11	52	53	39
Guilsfield	23	10	5	8	39	33	35
Denbigh	27	9	8	10	52	55	35
H'head Hotspur	26	9	5	12	44	45	32
Penrhyncoch	26	7	7	12	33	41	28
Ruthin	26	8	2	16	37	63	26
Buckley	26	6	2	18	33	69	20
Mold Alex	24	6	2	16	34	78	20
Llanfair Utd	21	5	3	13	24	48	18
Conwy Borough	25	5	2	18	43	73	17

Spar Mid Wales League
Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rhayader	24	18	3	3	61	21	57
Berriew	25	16	5	4	83	33	53
Carno	22	13	7	2	53	29	46
Bow Street	24	12	4	8	57	32	40
Aberaeron	23	11	6	6	44	35	39
Hay St Mary's	24	11	5	8	60	44	38
Llanrhaeadr	19	11	3	5	48	33	36
Llanidloes	21	10	4	7	38	33	34
Knighton	22	9	5	8	29	34	32
Ll'dod Wells	20	8	3	9	42	46	27
Radnor Valley	21	5	6	10	36	41	21
Machynlleth	23	6	2	15	32	63	20
Tywyn/Bryncrug	20	4	2	14	36	68	14
Welshpool	24	3	3	18	20	58	12
Montgomery	22	1	0	21	13	82	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kerry	19	15	2	2	54	20	47
Borth Utd	19	13	2	4	47	28	41
N'bridge-on-Wye	21	12	3	6	59	44	39
Dolgellau	21	10	6	5	47	38	36
Churchstoke	18	10	3	5	49	33	33
Abermule	23	8	6	9	51	39	30
Builth Wells	22	8	5	9	45	55	29
Aberystwyth Uni	20	7	4	9	34	36	25
Dyffryn Banw	17	7	2	8	26	32	23
Ll'ffraid Village	20	6	3	11	30	36	21
Presteigne	22	4	7	11	37	58	19
Four Crosses	21	5	3	13	23	40	18
Penybont	19	0	5	14	23	66	5

Sportsjam Regional League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Childs Ercall	21	11	2	8	54	39	35
Church Stretton	17	10	4	3	47	26	34
Rock Rovers	18	10	4	4	52	36	34
Clee Hill Utd	19	11	1	7	55	44	34
Oakengates Ath	15	10	2	3	47	22	32
Gobowen Celtic	18	9	2	7	57	52	29
Madeley Sports	20	7	7	6	34	34	28
Prees	19	7	3	9	49	54	24
Shifnal Utd 97	19	6	2	11	40	59	20
FC Hodnet	19	3	4	12	25	48	13
Bridgnorth Res.	16	4	1	11	24	50	13
W'dine Wood	17	3	4	10	31	51	10

West Midlands (Regional) League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Haughmond	29	26	1	2	110	26	79
W'Ton Spt Com	29	19	9	1	97	29	65
W'Ton Casuals	28	19	2	7	89	51	59
Malvern Twn	29	18	3	8	91	44	57
Wellington	31	16	7	8	84	56	55
Cradley Twn	31	14	5	12	67	57	47
Ellesmere Rgrs.	28	14	4	10	77	61	46
Pegasus Jnrs	31	14	3	14	69	59	45
Shifnal Twn	31	12	7	12	63	58	43
BC Rgrs	29	12	6	11	60	51	42
Bewdley Twn	25	12	5	8	66	53	41
Stone OA	32	10	11	11	54	56	41
Bridgnorth	30	12	4	14	54	67	40
Bilston Tn Com	33	11	7	15	66	81	40
Willenhall Twn	32	12	3	17	62	86	39
Smethwick	29	10	2	17	38	72	32
Dudley Twn	33	9	3	21	49	89	30
Dudley Sports	31	8	3	20	42	80	27
Wellington Ams	31	7	2	22	43	118	23
Gornal Ath	30	2	1	27	17	104	7

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hereford LC	23	22	0	1	97	25	66
Newport Twn	26	17	4	5	86	44	55
Wednesfield	22	16	2	4	83	33	50
Tipton Twn	24	14	4	6	48	39	46
Worcs Raiders	20	14	3	3	61	34	45
Old Wulfs	23	13	3	7	63	44	42
Darlaston Twn	23	11	4	8	46	35	37
Bustleholme	27	9	2	16	54	72	29
Wyrley	25	7	5	13	32	67	26
Bromyard Twn	25	7	3	15	42	67	24
Wem Twn	27	6	6	15	49	75	24
F C Stafford	21	7	3	11	50	69	21
Wrens Nest	22	6	3	13	37	62	21
St Martins	22	6	2	14	41	73	20
Kington Twn	24	5	3	16	43	67	18
Team Dudley	26	4	5	17	41	67	14

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Telford Jnrs	23	15	3	5	85	36	48
W Brom Utd	21	13	3	5	55	25	42
Allscott	21	13	5	3	57	30	41
AFC Broseley	19	10	2	7	41	39	32
W'Ton Utd	21	10	1	10	50	62	31
Malvern Res	23	8	4	11	50	57	28
Gornal Colts	19	8	3	8	37	37	27
Wonder Vaults	19	9	2	8	44	45	26
Tipton Yth	22	7	4	11	45	58	25
Sikh Hunters	21	7	4	10	50	67	25
Warstone Wdrs	18	7	3	8	41	49	24
Bewdley Res	20	6	3	11	50	51	21
Emerald Ath	17	4	5	8	26	54	17
Azaad Sports	20	3	2	15	34	55	11

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S'bury Jnrs	21	18	0	3	122	30	54
Stoke Heath	23	16	4	3	132	51	52
O'gates Rgrs	24	15	4	5	90	52	49
Newport Res	20	14	2	4	69	22	44
St Georges Utd.	22	13	3	6	63	36	42
St Martins Village	22	12	3	7	83	54	39
Madeley Spt Res	23	12	3	8	67	48	39
FC Oswestry Res	23	12	3	8	73	75	39
Craven Arms	22	11	5	6	105	46	38
Coven Utd	21	10	3	8	65	53	33
Brown Clee	22	10	1	11	67	54	31
W'church A Jnrs	22	6	5	11	60	67	23
Riverside	21	6	3	12	45	55	21
Albrighton	23	5	4	14	48	92	19
AFC Broseley	21	4	0	17	30	85	12
Denso	24	2	1	21	30	191	7
AFC Shifnal	24	1	0	23	38	176	3

Under 21

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth	14	9	2	3	45	20	29
Market Drayton	12	8	1	3	45	28	25
W'dine Wood	14	7	3	4	44	33	24
Wellington Ams	12	7	1	4	48	26	22
FC Oswestry	14	4	0	10	29	46	12
W'church A Jnrs	12	0	1	11	8	66	1

SOME 61 teams - one more than last year - from 30 clubs will be competing in five divisions of the Shrewsbury and District Senior Citizens Bowling League this season. Division One begins on March 30 while the other four divisions start on April 13.

A shortage of players has resulted in the withdrawal of Oswestry Church B team, but the league has gained two new teams from Battlefield.

Member clubs span an area stretching from Llanrhaeadr y Mochnant, Oswestry and Wem in the north to Craven Arms and Worthen and Brockton in the south and most of matches are played on a Thursday afternoon.

The league has around 670 registered players, 360 of whom bowl every week. Sponsor for the tenth season is Shrewsbury-based caravan, motorhome and campervan dealership Salop Leisure.

Salop Leisure's chairman Tony Bywater said the company was proud to be associated with such a successful and well run league. "Many of the players in this league are caravan owners and customers of Salop Leisure who stay active and make the most of their leisure

Greenhous Shrewsbury & District Sunday League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Athletico Market	13	8	2	3	51	36	26
Instones Utd	11	8	1	2	42	17	25
Cruckton Rvrs	9	6	2	1	36	16	20
Pontesbury	14	5	4	5	43	31	19
Rock Rovers Yth	10	5	0	5	25	20	15
Loppington	12	4	3	5	27	31	15
Kinnerley	13	4	3	6	28	38	15
The Gates	14	4	3	7	27	44	15
Coton Rovers	14	2	0	12	20	66	6

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beacon	12	8	1	3	30	17	25
Telegraph	11	7	0	4	35	20	21
Compasses	10	6	2	2	24	17	20
Radbrook	11	6	1	4	30	23	19
Red Barne	12	3	2	7	22	31	11
Norbury	12	3	1	8	25	28	10
Anchor Inn	10	2	1	7	16	46	7

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Unison	13	10	0	3	52	25	30
S.A.H.A. Youth	14	8	1	5	39	25	25
Snailbeach	11	8	0	3	51	29	24
Boars Head	14	6	1	7	32	35	19
Minsterley Rgrs	13	6	1	6	33	42	19
White Lion	13	5	1	7	31	39	16
Crown Coleham	12	4	0	8	22	32	12
Dudleston Heath	12	1	2	9	20	53	5

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bomere Heath	11	11	0	0	71	14	33
Harlescott Rgrs	13	8	2	3	51	26	26
Dun Cow	13	5	4	4	51	45	19
Onslow	15	5	3	7	54	47	18
Charles Darwin	15	5	3	7	41	49	18
Harlescott S.C.	13	5	2	6	29	46	17
Brockton Rovers	14	5	1	8	46	52	16
Bull In The Barne	14	4	3	7	36	47	15
Coracle Utd	12	3	0	9	32	85	9

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Heath Farm Rgrs	15	11	1	3	53	23	34
Wheatsheaf	16	10	0	6	52	26	30
Dorrington	16	9	3	4	48	29	30
Unicorn	17	9	0	8	41	32	27
Crown A F'gate	15	8	2	5	35	33	26
Old PO Wem	16	7	3	6	32	28	24
Beeches	13	7	1	5	29	24	22
Three Fishes	14	6	1	7	34	37	19
Dolphin Afc	17	4	1	12	33	60	13
Dun Cow Youth	17	0	2	15	22	87	2

Telford Sunday Football League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Randlay Utd	14	13	1	0	112	15	40
Honeysuckle	17	13	1	3	91	36	40
Dawley Social	16	12	0	4	80	51	36
Dawley Wdr Vets	18	10	2	6	67	53	32
Shifnal Nth End	17	9	1	7	49	46	28
Barley	14	9	0	5	46	43	27
Riverside	16	6	4	6	48	47	22
Celtic Spartans	14	5	1	8	30	44	16
Captain Webb	15	4	0	11	38	74	12
Lord Hill M D'ton	16	4	0	12	28	81	12
Travellers Joy	17	3	0	14	30	65	9
Bulls Head DBV	14	1	0	13	24	88	3

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ironbrige	15	13	0	2	65	18	39
Wrekin	16	12	1	3	88	17	37
Whitehorse Ath	15	11	3	1	76	28	36
Joiners Arms	17	11	1	5	61	21	34
Church Wickets	17	9	2	6	49	28	29
St Georges	17	8	0	9	42	49	24
Cosford Utd	12	7	2	3	57	27	23
The Falcon	18	6	1	11	50	56	19
Telford Rgrs	17	2	2	13	28	71	8
W'dine Wd Jnrs	18	1	2	15	26	90	5
Britannia	16	1	2	13	23	160	5

J T Hughes Montgomeryshire Amateur League
Honda Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Meifod	14	9	3	2	34	20	30
Llanfyllin	14	9	1	4	54	27	28
Waterloo Rvrs	10	7	2	1	29	16	23
Berriew Res	13	6	3	4	34	23	21
Llanymynech	13	6	2	5	27	33	20
Morda Utd	12	4	3	5	23	25	15
Llanfair Res	16	4	3	9	23	40	15
Caersws Res	13	3	4	6	24	25	13
Guilsfield Res	12	4	1	7	21	29	13
Llanrhaeadr Res	15	2	2	11	21	52	8

Mitsubishi Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bishop's Castle	13	13	0	0	73	7	39
Trewern Utd	17	12	0	5	86	28	36
Newtown Wdrs	16	11	2	3	53	32	35
Carno Res	18	11	2	5	46	37	35
Maesyrhandir	18	11	1	6	53	48	34
Llangedwyn	14	8	1	5	38	30	25
Kerry Res	16	7	2	7	45	43	23
Abermule Res	14	3	3	9	27	48	12
Trefonen	17	4	1	12	41	68	10
Welshpool Res.	16	2	4	10	28	65	10
Waterloo Res	16	2	2	12	29	71	8
Llanfechain	14	1	2	11	25	67	5

Watson Financial Mid Wales South League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brecon N'cote	19	12	2	5	60	36	38
Talgarth	19	12	1	6	68	30	37
H St Marys Res	15	10	1	4	49	18	31
Llanidloes Res	17	8	5	4	49	31	29
Knighton Res	15	8	3	4	38	30	27
Presteigne Res.	16	7	5	4	40	26	26
Builth Wells Res	17	6	4	7	19	35	22
Rhayader Res	17	6	3	8	23	30	21
Newcastle	20	4	6	10	30	44	18
Ll'dod Wells Res	16	4	3	9	24	54	15
Penybont Res	16	3	3	10	20	43	12
St Harmon	17	2	4	11	16	60	10

Welsh Beef & Lamb Mid Wales Youth League
Zone A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llanfair Utd	4	3	1	0	20	5	10
Welshpool Town	5	2	1	2	17	7	7
Llanfyllin Town	4	1	2	1	9	12	5
Machynlleth	3	0	0	3	1	23	0

Zone B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llanidloes	3	2	0	1	17	4	6
Caersws	2	2	0	0	7	4	6
Newtown	3	2	0	1	6	6	6
Penybont	4	0	0	4	3	19	0

English Rugby Clubs
National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caldy	25	23	1	1	918	348	114
Sale	25	22	0	3	798	402	103
Sedgley Park	25	16	3	6	741	507	85
Leicester Lns	25	17	0	8	576	483	83
Chester	25	14	1	10	540	456	77
Tynedale	25	14	1	10	574	605	72
Stourbridge	25	14	0	11	543	510	71
Sth Leicester	25	12	2	11	586	561	68
Hinckley	25	11	0	14	499	568	57
Otley	25	10	0	15	517	643	48
Wharfedale	25	9	0	16	526	643	48
Luctonians	25	8	0	17	556	679	48
Harrogate	25	8	0	17	366	563	40
Scunthorpe	25	7	0	18	369	755	33
Sheffield Tigers	25	6	0	19	484	715	31
Preston Grass	25	5	0	20	480	635	29

National League 3 Midlands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Broadstreet	22	16	1	5	600	366	79
Nuneaton	22	16	1	5	572	351	78
Sheffield	22	15	0	7	581	387	76
P'borough Lns	22	14	2	6	540	426	73
B'ham/Solihull	22	15	1	6	458	353	68
Old Hales	22	11	0	11	487	497	55
Derby	22	10	0	12	537	553	55
Lichfield	22	9	1	12	438	615	51
Bridgnorth	22	10	0	12	431	412	49
Towcestrians	22	8	1	13	438	507	49
Sandbach	22	9	1	12	479	527	48
Longton	22	8	0	14	525	644	44
Bedford Ath	22	3	0	19	445	575	31
Syston	22	5	2	15	322	640	26

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport, Salop	22	19	1	2	724	415	93
Bournville	22	18	0	4	785	496	90
Burton	22	16	1	5	664	333	83
Stratford U Avon	22	11	0	11	539	479	63
Dudley Kings	22	13	0	9	514	406	62
Moseley Oak	22	11	0	11	548	546	59
Worcester	22	11	1	10	392	448	50
Sutton Coldfield	22	9	0	13	428	492	49
Wolverhampton	22	10	0	12	371	513	46
Hereford	22	9	1	12	366	424	46
Stoke on Trent	22	8	1	13	402	538	45
Whitchurch	22	7	0	15	334	448	36
Crewe/Nantwich	22	5	1	16	430	598	32
Kenilworth	22	4	0	18	378	739	24

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stourbridge Lns	18	15	1	2	596	237	78
Leek	18	15	0	3	634	267	74
Camp Hill	18	14	0	4	582	270	71
Walsall	18	12	1	5	587	240	62
Tamworth	18	12	0	6	372	418	52
Kidderminster	18	8	1	9	422	359	43
Veseyans	18	8	0	10	359	373	38
Stafford	18	6	0	12	254	428	30
Old Saltleians	18	6	0	12	275	441	29
N'castle, Staffs.	18	5	0	13	275	579	28
Old Yardleians	18	3	1	14	284	495	22
Shrewsbury	18	2	0	16	165	698	13

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cleobury M	18	16	0	2	563	267	76
Ludlow	18	15	0	3	836	232	76
Burntwood	18	15	0	3	609	308	75
Handsworth	18	12	0	6	535	457	63
Uttoxeter	18	9	0	9	465	483	45
Edwardians	18	9	0	9	453	441	39
Cannock	18	8	0	10	395	469	39
Telford Hornets	18	8	0	10	283	396	35
Harborne	18	7	0	11	391	521	33
Willenhall	18	4	0	14	308	563	25
Clee Hill	18	4	0	14	257	429	24
Eccleshall	18	1	0	17	212	741	9

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Trentham	18	12	0	6	557	259	63
Barton-U-N'wd	18	13	0	5	296	222	62
Rugeley	18	11	0	7	336	377	56
Aston OE	18	11	0	7	295	325	52
Wednesbury	18	11	0	7	324	254	50
Bloxwich	17	14	0	3	438	193	45
Yardley & Dist	18	8	0	10	293	307	39
Five Ways OE	18	8	0	10	269	301	38
Essington	18	7	0	11	252	319	36
Bishops Castle	17	5	0	12	153	300	24
Church Stretton	18	5	0	13	218	439	24
St Leonards	18	2	0	16	248	383	18

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tenbury	11	8	0	3	279	137	40
Greyhound	10	7	0	3	376	181	35
Market Drayton	10	7	0	3	254	121	35
Aldridge	10	6	0	4	234	172	31
Chaddesley C	11	6	0	5	237	260	27
Warley	11	2	0	9	144	373	10
Stourport	11	1	0	10	92	372	6

Northern Division South Lancs/Cheshire Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manchester	22	18	1	3	815	332	91
Douglas IOM	20	17	0	3	752	313	80
Broughton Pk	21	15	0	6	815	360	76
Bowdon	21	14	0	7	687	470	72
Liverpool St H	22	14	0	8	651	495	72
Glossop	19	13	0	6	623	271	66
Southport	21	11	1	9	527	547	57
Widnes	21	10	0	11	497	484	55
New Brighton	22	11	0	11	498	549	51
Sefton	21	10	0	11	465	466	49
Anselmians	22	6	0	16	406	781	29
Manchester M	22	4	1	17	394	719	27
Wigan	22	3	0	19	214	923	17
Oswestry	20	0	1	19	189	823	-1

Midland Men's Hockey League
1st Team League
Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Barton	20	16	2	2	93	50	50
Rugby & E War	20	15	2	3	87	50	47
Sutton Coldfield	20	14	2	4	71	37	44
Edgbaston	20	11	3	6	56	48	36
Warwick Uni	21	12	0	9	64	66	36
Warwick	21	10	4	7	49	42	34
Stone	20	7	3	10	59	66	24
Old Halesonians	20	6	3	11	40	55	21
N'mpton Saints	20	6	0	14	49	69	18
Bridgnorth	20	5	3	12	45	65	18
Sikh U (Notts)	20	3	2	15	44	74	11
Burton	20	3	2	15	37	72	10

Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hampton-in-Ard	20	15	4	1	83	46	49
Boots	20	13	5	2	111	49	44
Stratford	20	13	5	2	77	32	44
Telford & Wrekin	20	14	0	6	73	59	42
Chesterfield	20	12	4	4	86	40	40
Cov'try & N War	20	9	3	8	55	69	30
Old Silhillians	20	6	1	13	45	74	19
Coalville	20	5	2	13	42	67	17
Streetly	20	4	4	12	54	82	16
Finchfield	20	4	4	12	44	84	16
Leicester M HC	20	3	3	14	37	66	12
Shrewsbury	20	3	3	14	41	80	9

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bromsgrove	18	14	1	3	72	36	43
Bloxwich	18	13	3	2	70	29	42
Sikh U (Cov'try)	18	12	2	4	72	48	38
Market Drayton	18	11	1	6	64	47	34
Stafford	18	10	3	5	51	33	33
Ludlow	19	8	2	9	56	59	26
Aldridge & Wal.	19	7	4	8	59	56	25
Solihull B'field	18	5	3	10	39	40	18
Wednesbury	18	4	3	11	30	71	15
Kings Hth Pick	18	2	1	15	31	74	7
Leamington	18	2	1	15	30	81	7

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Bromwich	16	13	1	2	72	28	40
Redditch	16	12	1	3	65	14	37
Pershore	15	10	2	3	52	32	32
Old Wulfrunians	15	10	1	4	61	22	31
Wolverhampton	15	10	1	4	48	19	31
Droitwich Spa	15	4	0	11	25	48	12
E'ham & B'sey	15	3	0	12	23	60	6
Yardley	14	2	0	12	15	61	6
Newtown	15	1	0	14	15	92	0

2nd Team League
West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harborne	18	16	1	1	85	14	49
Edgbaston	18	14	1	3	82	29	43
Worcester	18	11	3	4	67	35	36
Barford Tigers	18	9	2	7	42	50	29
Warwick	18	8	1	9	59	53	25
Bridgnorth	18	7	3	8	48	47	24
Stratford	18	7	2	9	53	64	23
Bournville	18	5	2	11	42	51	17
Hampton-in-Ard	19	5	1	13	45	90	16
North Stafford	19	4	3	12	33	75	15
Telford & Wrek	18	3	3	12	35	83	12

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Old Halesonians	18	11	4	3	64	27	37
Stone	19	12	0	7	81	65	36
Streetly	17	11	2	4	49	26	35
Old Silhillians	17	9	3	5	53	47	30
Bloxwich	17	8	4	5	46	33	28
Finchfield	17	7	5	5	47	37	26
Shrewsbury	18	7	4	7	44	34	25
Market Drayton	18	4	6	8	28	44	18
Aldridge & Wal.	17	5	3	9	35	57	18
West Bromwich	18	4	3	11	32	70	15
Stafford	18	1	2	15	28	67	5

West Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Redditch	14	13	1	0	76	16	40
Bromsgrove	14	10	3	1	41	15	33
Old Wulfrunians	13	7	3	3	33	17	24
Solihull B'field	14	6	1	7	23	28	19
Droitwich Spa	13	4	1	8	23	37	13
Kings Hth Pick	14	2	3	9	25	48	9
Wednesbury	14	3	2	9	18	46	8
Wolverhampton	14	2	2	10	17	49	8

Midlands Women's Hockey League
Midlands Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beeston II	15	10	5	0	56	23	35
Cannock I	15	10	3	2	45	17	33
Leamington I XI	15	10	2	3	51	20	32
Uni of Brum II	15	9	3	3	32	17	30
Leicester II	15	6	3	6	25	32	21
Lichfield I XI	15	6	2	7	25	44	20
Harborne I	15	4	5	6	28	31	17
Sutton C'field II	15	2	3	10	13	36	9
Boots I	15	1	4	10	20	37	7
Uni of Brum III	15	1	2	12	11	49	5

Midlands Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
North Notts I	15	11	1	3	53	20	34
L'borough Stu II	15	10	3	2	45	26	33
Leek I XI	15	9	3	3	40	21	30
Edgbaston I XI	15	9	2	4	35	16	29
Shrewsbury I	15	5	6	4	33	28	21
Stourport II XI	15	4	3	8	29	27	15
M'lock Bailean I	15	3	5	7	21	27	14
Towcester I	15	4	1	10	20	47	13
Oltn & W War II	15	4	1	10	27	62	13
Cannock II	15	2	3	10	18	47	9

Midlands Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni of Notts I	15	14	0	1	82	17	42
Tamworth I	15	9	4	2	39	29	31
Solihull B'field I	15	8	4	3	32	23	28
Stone I XI	15	7	2	6	32	37	23
Belper II	15	5	3	7	26	34	18
Kettering I	15	5	2	8	22	20	17
Worcester I	15	5	2	8	28	50	17
Warwick I	15	3	5	7	21	27	14
Boots II	15	4	2	9	18	33	14
Nth Staffs HC I	15	2	2	11	11	41	8

Feeder West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rugby & E War I	15	13	1	1	41	9	40
Harborne II XI	15	10	1	4	54	27	31
T'ford & Wrek I	15	9	2	4	40	30	29
Lichfield II XI	15	8	2	5	36	21	26
Bromsgrove I XI	15	6	2	7	34	39	20
Nuneaton I XI	15	6	1	8	35	34	19
Stratford I	15	4	5	6	25	24	17
Uttoxeter I XI	15	5	2	8	28	46	17
Bloxwich I XI	15	4	2	9	25	38	14
Bridgnorth I XI	15	1	0	14	19	69	3

Shropshire Ladies Hockey League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wem/MD I	16	13	2	1	75	18	57
Shrewsbury II	15	13	1	1	78	10	68
Bridgnorth II	15	8	3	4	27	16	11
Shrewsbury III	16	6	0	10	16	47	-31
Montgomery	15	5	1	9	17	39	-22
Wem/MD II	16	4	0	12	13	57	-44
T'ford & Wrek II	15	1	1	13	5	44	-39

Insight Building Solutions Newport Singles League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Colin Pink	22	13	7	2	33	11	33
Neil Dale	22	11	10	1	32	12	32
Ant Heathcote	21	12	7	2	31	11	31
Paul Lucas	21	11	9	1	31	11	31
Anthony Allen	22	10	11	1	31	13	31
Mick Collins	21	11	7	3	29	13	29
Ben Longstaff	22	10	8	4	28	16	28
Andy Lewis	21	9	10	2	28	14	28
Mick Hughes	22	9	10	3	28	16	28
Greg Heathcote	22	7	13	2	27	17	27
Scott Smith	22	9	7	6	25	19	25
Dean Smith	22	7	10	5	24	20	24
Ed Keenan	22	7	9	6	23	21	23
Greg Quinn	22	7	8	7	22	22	22
Phil Prinold	22	5	12	5	22	22	22
Stu Morrey	22	8	6	8	22	22	21
Luke Jones	22	7	6	9	20	24	20
Jack Jones	22	4	12	6	20	24	20
Billy Holland	22	5	8	9	18	26	18

Results

Anthony Allen 2 Ben Longstaff 0; Antony Winfield 0 Jack Jones 2; Charlie Hayward1 Adam Stone 1; Ed Keenan 1 Dean Smith 1; Greg Quinn 1 Greg Heathcote 1; Mick Hughes 1 Mick Collins 1; Mike Jones 0 Colin Pink 2; Neil Dale 2 Luke Jones 0; Phil Prinold 1 Billy Holland 1; Ryan Langford 0 Paul Lucas 2; Scott Smith 2 Martin Porter 0; Stu Morrey 2 Johnny Holland 0

Robin Jones Shrewsbury Invitational Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Compasses	24	13	6	5	113	79	31
FCC	24	13	6	5	107	85	31
Telegraph	24	12	5	7	109	83	31
BVT	24	13	8	3	100	92	29
Telepost	24	12	7	5	101	91	29
HSC	24	11	6	7	102	90	29
Rock & Fountain	24	10	6	8	108	84	28
Dog & Pheasant	24	9	8	7	92	98	25
Postal	24	10	11	3	95	97	23
POW	24	9	11	4	95	97	22
Anchor	24	7	10	7	92	100	21
Heathgates	24	8	12	4	86	106	20
Albion	23	7	10	6	88	96	20
Cross Foxes	24	6	12	6	85	107	18
Masonic	23	3	10	10	82	102	16
Brooklands	24	3	18	3	70	122	9

Shrewsbury & District Snooker League
Bright Motors Snooker League One

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Stanton A	21	18	3	76	29	80
Unison D	20	16	4	73	27	74
Harlescott A	20	15	5	69	31	73
Wem USC A	21	14	7	60	45	63
Beaconsfield B	21	12	9	60	45	60
Meole Brace F	21	11	10	52	49	56
Unison A	21	11	10	53	52	53
Harlescott B	21	11	10	50	55	50
Meole Brace A	21	7	14	48	57	48
Beaconsfield A	20	9	11	45	55	45
Preston Brockhurst	20	7	13	42	58	42
Bagley B	21	6	15	37	68	37
Harlescott D	20	4	16	32	68	33
Unison B	22	4	18	28	82	28

ABF Carpets Snooker League Two

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Wem USC C	22	18	4	83	27	83
Unison F	22	16	6	76	34	77
Bagley C	23	17	5	75	35	75
Meole Braced	22	16	6	69	41	70
Old Shrewsbury	23	15	8	68	47	67
Harlescott C	22	12	10	62	48	62
Meole Brace G	22	12	10	60	50	60
Unison C	22	12	10	54	56	56
Unison E	23	9	14	54	61	55
Beaconsfield C	22	12	10	51	59	51
Bagley A	21	9	12	46	59	46
Meole Brace E	22	7	15	43	67	43
Wem USC B	23	6	17	35	80	35
Harlescott E	22	5	17	35	75	35
Harlescott F	22	1	21	23	87	23

Montgomeryshire & District Airgun League

	MS	W	D	L	P
Guilsfield A	18	15	0	3	30
Arddleen	18	14	0	4	28
Churchstoke	16	14	0	2	28
Crew Green A	17	10	0	7	20
Castle Caereinion	15	9	0	6	18
Guilsfield B	18	9	0	9	18
Crew Green B	18	8	0	10	16
Newtown	16	4	0	12	8
Llanfair	18	2	0	16	4
Forden	16	0	0	16	0

Ludlow Tuesday Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A
Blue Boar	16	11	5	90	70
Drifters	16	7	9	88	72
Jockey	16	9	7	87	73
Tavern	16	10	6	83	77
Wheatsheaf	16	8	8	80	80
Queens	16	8	8	79	81
Castle	16	8	8	78	82
Bridge	16	6	10	65	95
Ludlow Club	16	4	12	66	92

Shrewsbury Quiz League

	P	W	D	L	P
Prince of Wales A	14	10	0	4	20
Cock Inn	14	9	0	5	18
Cross Foxes	13	8	1	4	17
Bicton A	13	8	0	5	16
Belle Vue Tavern B	13	7	1	5	15
Unison Club	14	6	2	6	14
Prince of Wales B	13	5	1	7	11
Dog & Pheasant	12	5	0	7	10
Belle Vue Tavern A	14	4	1	8	9
Bicton B	14	2	0	12	4

Hinstock & District Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	B/P	P
Kings Head	9	6	3	40	23	12	52
Lord Hill	9	7	2	36	27	14	50
Joiners	8	5	3	35	21	10	45
Falcon	8	4	4	26	30	8	34
Hodnet A	9	3	6	26	37	6	32
Hodnet B	9	2	7	26	37	4	30
Sutherland	8	3	5	21	35	6	27

Ron's Gents Hairdressing Shrewsbury & District Domino League
Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Frankwell CC	24	13	11	0	118	74	37
Rock A	24	15	4	5	113	79	34
Telepost	24	10	9	5	104	88	29
Belle Vue Tavern	24	9	9	6	98	94	27
Telegraph CB	24	8	9	7	100	92	25
Monkmoor/Belv	24	9	7	8	96	96	25
Crown A	24	10	3	11	100	92	23
Rock B	24	8	6	10	96	96	22
Cross Foxes B	24	7	8	9	94	98	22
Brooklands A	24	8	6	10	94	98	22
Boars Head	24	8	6	10	93	99	22
Horseshoes	24	5	11	8	89	103	21
Compasses A	24	7	6	11	90	102	20
Reman/Compas	24	6	8	10	84	108	20
Unison	24	6	7	11	91	101	19
Corbett Uff A	24	5	6	13	76	116	16

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Woodman B	24	14	4	6	105	87	32
Woodman A	24	10	10	4	109	83	30
Rock C	24	12	6	6	108	84	30
Beeches A	24	12	6	6	104	88	30
Monkmoor	24	13	3	8	104	88	29
Telegraph RO	24	9	6	9	99	93	24
Compasses B	24	9	6	9	96	96	24
Telegraph A	24	10	4	10	95	97	24
Red Lion	24	8	6	10	93	99	22
Plough	24	5	11	8	94	98	21
Harry Hotspur	24	7	7	10	89	103	21
Telegraph B	24	7	6	11	90	102	20
Masonic B	24	6	8	10	89	103	20
Harlescott SC	24	6	7	11	92	100	19
Heathgates B	24	8	3	13	87	105	19
Pnce of Wales A	24	6	7	11	82	110	19

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Old Bell	22	14	5	3	107	69	33
Horseshoes A	22	14	3	5	109	67	31
Masonic A	23	10	5	8	93	91	25
Beeches B	21	11	3	7	91	77	25
Anchor HG	22	10	4	8	88	88	24
Cressage	23	7	7	9	83	101	21
Corbett B	21	8	5	8	82	86	21
Bull in Barn B	22	7	6	9	86	90	20
Compasses BH	22	7	6	9	85	91	20
Admiral Duncan	21	7	6	8	83	85	20
Rock D	22	6	7	9	88	88	19
Bird	22	7	5	10	86	90	19
Bull in Barn A	21	6	5	10	80	88	17
Bagley	21	5	6	10	76	92	16
Cross Foxes A	21	6	3	12	67	101	15

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coach	19	13	2	4	92	60	28
Red Lion	20	12	3	5	100	60	27
Wheatsheaf	19	12	1	6	86	66	25
Crown B	19	10	4	5	84	68	24
Heathgates A	19	11	2	6	83	69	24
Brick Copthorne	18	9	5	4	83	61	23
Greenfields BC	19	9	4	6	83	69	22
Dolphin	19	8	4	7	79	73	20
Inn on Green	19	8	1	10	76	76	17
Brooklands B	19	5	5	9	71	81	15
Prince B	19	5	4	10	63	89	14
Three Fishes	19	1	4	14	50	102	6
Brittania	19	0	1	18	34	118	1

Telford Singles & Doubles Domino League

	P	F	A	P
Horseshoes B	19	99	72	36
Horseshoes A	19	99	72	35
Bulls Head B	19	93	78	34
Talbot	20	90	90	33
Rec Club	19	89	82	30
Wendy House	20	88	92	30
Bulls Head A	18	90	72	29
Albion	19	79	92	28
Maddocks	19	84	87	27
Railway A	19	81	90	26
Park Hotel	19	78	93	25
White Horse FR	19	74	97	23
Railway B	18	80	82	22
White Hart	19	73	98	21

Shrewsbury Premier Darts

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Masonic	23	18	4	1	128	56	40
Admiral Duncan A	23	14	5	4	110	74	33
Compasses Dith	23	15	3	5	108	76	33
Crown	23	13	5	5	112	72	31
Red Castle	23	12	6	5	106	78	30
Charles Darwin	23	14	1	8	109	75	29
Wheatsheaf FW	23	13	3	7	99	85	29
Brooklands	23	12	4	7	104	80	28
Heathgates	23	9	4	10	87	97	22
Admiral Duncan B	23	5	3	15	71	113	13
Mytton Arms	23	5	2	16	77	107	12
Beeches	23	2	4	17	60	124	8
Rock & Fountain	23	2	4	17	58	126	8
Woodman	23	1	4	18	59	125	6

North Shropshire Indoor Cricket League

	P	W	L	P
Grasshoppers	3	3	0	15
Whitchurch	3	3	0	15
Woore	3	3	0	15
Wem	5	2	3	10
Alberbury	5	1	4	5
Calverhall	5	0	5	0

Results

Woore 145-5 (J Woodfield 46, S Elwell 37 not out, R Elwell 28) Calverhall 68-5 (G Tinsley 19, S Elwell 2-14); Grasshoppers 123-5 (J Case 30 not out, J Wear 28, J Yapp 26, M Tudor 2-18) Wem 86 K HigginS 34 not out, J Darlington 33, T Cliffe 2-19); Calverhall 53-5 (C Rowe 16) Wem 55-0 (J Darlington 30 not out, P Darlington 17 not out); Alberbury 104-5 (M Jones 25 not out) Wem 105-2 (G Darlington 28 not out, S Thornley 26 not out); Whitchurch 133-3 (E Bowen 33 not out, D Bowen 29 not out, D Weaver 27 not out O Griffiths 2-28) Calverhall 54-3

Corvedale Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Bantam S	20	12	4	4	95	65	28
Green Dragon	20	10	4	6	89	71	26
Outside RS	20	9	3	8	88	72	26
THSA	20	10	5	5	89	71	25
Burway B	20	8	7	5	83	77	21
Tally Ho	20	9	9	2	85	75	20
Seven Stars	20	7	8	5	76	84	19
Nomad S	20	7	9	4	77	83	18
Burway A	20	6	9	5	77	83	17
Swan	20	5	9	6	73	87	16
Sun	20	4	11	5	66	94	13
Insiders	20	3	12	5	62	88	11

Results

Nomads 3 Outsiders 5; Burway A 4 Tally Ho 4; Bantams 5 Burway B 3; Seven Stars 1 THS A 7; Swan 4 Green Dragon 4; Sun 4 Insiders 4

Late goals keep TNS on course for record

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

NEWLY crowned champions The New Saints moved closer to a record points haul in the Dafabet Welsh Premier after a late show earned a 3-2 victory over Bala Town at Park Hall.

The runaway league leaders now have 73 points, four points shy of the 77 they achieved when winning the 12-team league in 2015 - and they still have six games left to play.

They had been frustrated for long spells by a resilient Bala who had been in sight of becoming the first side to take points off the champions on their home surrounds.

At 1-1, the visitors appeared to be holding firm, but the Saints showed their never-say-die attitude that has earned them a sixth successive title this season with two late goals.

They got their noses in front on 87 minutes when sub Alex Darlington converted from the penalty spot after Adrian Cieslewicz had been brought down in the box.

Darlington then set up Mullan to slide in a third moments later and, despite a scrambled injury time reply from sub Ian Sheridan, the Saints had done enough to notch another victory.

After giving the recently crowned champions a guard of honour before the game, it was Bala who took the lead two minutes before half time when Stuart J Jones headed in an Anthony Stephens free kick.

Both sides had carved openings before then, with Cieslewicz having an early effort chalked out by the linesman's flag on four minutes,.

Wes Fletcher had a couple of efforts while visiting keeper Ashley Morris pulled off a fine save from Ryan Brobbel who cut in from the left

But Bala came more into the game, with Chris Venables curling a free kick over the bar, and Conall Murtagh also off target in a good spell for the visitors.

They needed a couple of timely clearances to deny the champions, while Connell Rawlinson headed over from a deflected clearance.

Saints winger Mullan looked a threat with a couple of mazy runs, but it was Bala who led at the break.

However, their advantage lasted just two minutes as Cieslewicz slotted home following a scramble in the box just two minutes after the restart.

Morris pulled off a superb double save to deny Cieslewicz and Mullan from the rebound as TNS pushed for a second goal.

Venables headed wide at the back post for Bala, while Morris came to the rescue for the visitors again with another fine save from Brobbel who was through on goal.

Bala, who have yet to defeat TNS in 29 attempts, continued to hold firm as they looked for a point to boost their quest for runners-up spot.

But Craig Harrison's men were not to be denied as they secured another win that extended their lead to 23 points at the top of the table, and stay on course for a record points haul this term.

Meanwhile, hot-shot Jason Oswell fired a second hat-trick of the season as revitalised Newtown reeled off their fifth successive win to push Aberystwyth Town closer to the drop zone.

The Robins have soared since the second phase of the league season, and brushed aside the struggling Black and Greens 4-0 with Nick Rushton also finding the net.

Newtown boss Chris Hughes was naturally delighted at a fifth straight win that kept his side all placed for the players.

"Aber started well, but after the first 10 minutes I thought we controlled the game, ad our passing and movement was exceptional," he said. "The only disappointment was that we did not score more goals.

"We're on a good run, you can see the confidence in the team, and we now need to keep that going."

Newtown had their chances before Oswell headed the opener five minutes before half time when meeting a cross from Craig Williams who had overlapped down the right.

Aber started the second half strongly but were unable to find a way through before the Robins doubled their lead on the hour when Rushton fired home after Shane Sutton had flicked on Luke Boundford's long throw-in.

They soon went 3-0 up when Oswell chipped former TNS keeper Chris Mullock with a quickly taken free kick from 40 yards, while

Aber's hopes faded further when they had Luke Sherbon sent off for a wild tackle on Boundford.

A confident Newtown were now looking a constant threat, and Oswell then completed his second hat-trick of the season two minutes from time when beating the offside trap to curl the ball past Mullock.

Aber were denied a late consolation by a smart save from keeper Jack Perry to foil Phil Baker, currently on loan with the Seasiders from TNS.

■ TNS ladies reserves reached the final of the

Tinsley is back – and he nets on his return

FC Oswestry Town's Craig Harris battles for the ball

DAN Tinsley scored on his return from a lengthy injury as FC Oswestry Town got back to winning ways in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one with a 2-1 victory over Carlisle City.

The new signing from Whitchurch Alport has endured a frustrating time after picking up an ankle injury on his debut back in the Autumn.

Since then, he has been on the sidelines, but marked his comeback at Park Hall by netting the leveller to help lift Town up to 10th in the table.

Town had trailed to a strike from Simon Tucker on the half hour, the big centre forward unmarked to fire home a left wing cross.

But, following the introductions of three substitutes, they rallied after the break with Tinsley earning parity on 64 minutes when flicking in a Harrington Millington cross from the right.

Sub Jack Harris then fired the winner eight minutes later when sending a free kick from the edge of the box into the top of the net.

With plenty of crosses coming into the Carlisle box, the home side had enough chances to have made the game safe before enduring a tense finish.

Sam Ottley, a former Barnsley youngster, impressed on his debut at right back, while Tinsley would have benefitted from getting a full 90 minutes under his belt after his lengthy lay-off.

Next up is a tough home meeting with promotion chasing City of Liverpool on Saturday, with the Merseysiders expected to bring 200 fans to the game.

ST MARTINS VILLAGE moved up to sixth in the Mercian Regional League division one as they returned to winning ways with a 7-3 success away to Stoke Heath.

Also back on track are **FC OSWESTRY RES** who won 3-1 away to Albrighton to cement mid-table.

Barry drops in to boost college

Luca Walter, Mohammad Saud, Zac Lennox, Neto Meade, Matthew Jones, Will Mullock, Harry Hudson, Lloyd Edwards and Jake Redshaw flank Everton midfielder Gareth Barry. ■ *Pic: Bob Greaves.*

PREMIER LEAGUE legend and former Villa hero Gareth Barry is keen to help Shropshire youngsters' professional dreams come true after becoming patron of Ellesmere College's new football academy.

Following last week's launch, where former Manchester City striker Jon Macken coached 30 of the school's talented footballers, ex-England midfielder Barry accepted the honorary position.

Barry, 36, is 14 appearances from breaking Ryan Giggs' all-time Premier League appearance record, and oversaw a coaching session led by Edukick Manchester's UEFA qualified coaches.

The Everton star's son Oscar, 13, is in his first year at the school.

"It's brilliant to see," said Barry, who made 365 league appearances at Villa Park.

"The school here have done a fantastic thing and agreed a coaching deal with some top coaches that allow the lads here to get some proper training as well as focus on their school work which is important too, it's a fantastic set-up.

"They're getting the right mix. The numbers from this level here to those that make it through as professionals are very small.

"From my experiences, just two or three players from the 20-strong group go on and make a career as a pro, it's important the boys do really concentrate on their school work as well."

The academy will kick-off this September. On his son's education, he added: "He's in his first year here and he's settled really well.

"It's always a good sign when your kids come home with no worries."

Late goal sees Pool slip further into trouble

WELSHPOOL Town slipped deeper into the basement mire in the Spar Mid Wales League division one after suffering a damaging 2-1 loss at home to Llandrindod Wells.

Defeat keeps the Lilywhites second bottom, and still two points adrift of Tywyn Bryncrug who themselves were downed 4-1 at Hay St Mary's.

After a goalless first half, Pool had trailed to a goal from Jonny Williams before levelling through Will Pritchard.

They had looked set for at least a point before succumbing to a late winner from Ben Jones.

The Maesydre side were given some consolation by the fact that basement rivals Tywyn went down 4-1 at home to Hay who took the spoils through Steve Morgan, Adi Lawford, Will Goodwin and man-of-the match Callum Maddy.

With just four games remaining, Pool have it all to do, particularly as Tywyn themselves have eight games to play. The two sides come face to face at Maesydre on Saturday.

In the only second division game, Abermule were edged out 2-1 at in-form promotion chasers Newbridge.

Churchstoke stormed into the semi-finals of the ER Jenkins Cup with a 4-1 home passage against Llansantffraid Village, while Dolgellau also eased into the last four after sweeping aside Builth Wells 5-0.

DYFFRYN BANW bowed out 5-3 after extra time to second division promotion chasers Borth United, having been 3-1 up earlier in the game with goals from Rhodri Davies, Geraint Roberts and Jamie Huxley.

Parry wings in for move to Llandudno

WINGER Robbie Parry has joined his local club Llandudno on a loan deal from Welsh Premier champions The New Saints.

"Robbie started the season in excellent form in terms of both goals and assists. Unfortunately though, he picked up a nasty toe injury and needed surgery," said TNS boss Craig Harrison.

"Meanwhile, team mates in Robbie's positions have been excellent, which has made it hard to get back in the team.

"So he will be going out to get match fit and ready to come back to challenge for the starting eleven."

The 22-year-old wideman is a former Wrexham youth who spent time at Wolves before becoming a member of the under-21 side at Stoke.

Released by the Potters, he joined TNS in October 2015 and was loaned to Gap Connah's Quay a month later before being recalled in April 2016, scoring eight goals from 18 (+8) Welsh Premier appearances to date.

TNS currently have three players out on loan with Phil Baker at Aberystwyth Town and fellow defender Tom Matthews with Airbus.

Llanrhaeadr get date for quarter-final

LLANRHAEADR'S Central Wales Cup quarter-final clash way to Cymru Alliance side Penrhyncoch will be played old Saturday, March 25. The winners will face either Aberaeron or Radnor Valley in the last four.

Llanidloes Town's delayed Central Wales Cup quarter-final tie away to Caersws will now take place on Tuesday, March 21 (7.30pm).

A semi-final tie against either holders Carno or Rhayader Town awaits the victors. The ties will be played at Neutral venues

Meanwhile, Churchstoke will face Borth in the last four of the ER Jenkins Cup while Aberystwyth University take on Dolgellau in the other semi-final.

Better, but Llanfair are beaten again

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

RELEGATION fears continue to mount for Llanfair United who slipped deeper into Huws Gray Cymru Alliance basement danger after being edged out 2-1 at home to 10-man Caernarfon Town.

Having been thumped 7-0 in the Welsh Cup a few weeks back, it was a vastly improved display from United who more than matched their second placed visitors who had Rob Jones sent off in the 24th minute.

But the Mount Field men were again left empty handed in a hard-fought affair to slip to second bottom and with plenty to do in their remaining nine games if they are to avoid the drop.

They are six points adrift of guaranteed safety, although it is not certain how many teams will go down at the end of the season.

Danny Sullivan fired the Canaries ahead two minutes before the interval, Llanfair were back on terms a minute after the break through Paul Griffiths' 20-yarder, only for Darren Thomas to earn the visitors the points on the hour.

Caernarfon, with runners-up spot firmly in their sights, had started brightly as they looked to carry on from where they left off in the Welsh Cup rout a few weeks back.

Danny Brookwell cut inside from the left flank in the second minute and beat his marker before testing keeper Chris Brown with a low shot.

Former Welshpool forward Jamie Breese was then put through by Sullivan, but the striker's attempted lob flew well over the target.

Rob Jones also found himself in a promising position as he got on the end of a long ball from Thomas, but the midfielder could not quite manage to get a clean connection on the ball and the Llanfair defence cleared upfield.

Although Caernarfon had the upper hand, Rhys Stephens' men were solid in defence while also looking to use the pace of James Davies and Toby Evans on the break.

They were given a boost when referee Alex Livesey gave Rob Jones his marching orders for a challenge midway through the first half.

With the Canaries forced to tweak their system, Toby Evans went close to putting the hosts ahead after a Nathan Williams clearance fell to him on the edge of the area, but he scuffed his shot wide.

Despite a man short, Caernarfon continued to enjoy plenty of possession and Gareth Edwards was a constant threat during Town's set-pieces, the big defender twice going close to putting his side ahead as he rose well at the back post to threaten at corners.

The breakthrough finally arrived just before the interval when Llanfair failed to deal with a corner and Breese and Edwards were both involved as the ball pinged about the box before Sullivan finished from close range despite the despairing dive of Matthew Spencer on the goal-line.

Llanfair got back on level terms four minutes after the restart when Caernarfon failed to deal with a cross into the box and Griffiths finished in style with an excellent 20-yard effort that gave keeper Alex Ramsay no chance.

Llanfair's tails were up at this point but the Cofis rallied with Edwards and Darren Thomas going close to finding the target before the latter finished emphatically past Brown in the 64th minute following a smart move involving Breese and Chris Williams.

The lively Breese went close to securing the points when he latched onto a Thomas cross but missed the target by inches.

At the other end, Clive Williams came to Caernarfon's rescue two minutes from time when he pulled off an outstanding last-gasp tackle on Davies when the home striker looked certain to score.

Despite their efforts, Llanfair could not force a draw and Caernarfon ensured they remained undefeated in five consecutive away matches in which they won four and drew one.

Meanwhile, a dramatic finish saw Caersws snatch an unlikely 2-1 win at Porthmadog to boost their fortunes in the Cymru Alliance.

The Bluebirds looked as though they may return empty handed after trailing to a goal from Cai Jones who rounded keeper Luke Evans on the hour after latching onto a weak backpass.

But the visitors, who showed plenty of heart with a depleted side, turned it around in a terrific finish to bounce back from the midweek loss to Penrhyncoch.

First, Josh Hartrick levelled with two minutes remaining when scoring after being put through by Rhydian Davies, before Sean Evans converted a penalty with virtually the last kick of the game after

Town maintain title push with a vital victory

SECOND placed Llanfyllin Town kept their title pursuit on the boil in the Montgomeryshire League division one with a 2-1 home success against Caersws reserves.

First half goals from Lee Griffiths and Bobbie Phillips secured the spoils, seeing Town move to within two points of leaders Meifod with both sides having four games to play.

At the other end of the table, **GUILSFIELD RES** slipped into the drop zone with a 4-1 reverse at the hands of Llanrhaeadr Reserves for whom Ryan Broadbent scored twice.

TREWERN UNITED boosted their promotion chances in the second division after swamping Maesyrhandir 7-1, Charlie Proctor firing a hat-trick.

Results – Division one: Guilsfield Res 1 Llanrhaeadr Res 4. Llanfyllin Town 2 Caersws Res 1. Morda Utd 2 Berriew Res 2. **Division two:** Bishop's Castle v Kerry Res (postponed), Llangedwyn 3 Abermule Res 0, Trewern United 7 Maesyrhandir 1.

Emotional victory for young local boxer Gary

Owen Collins with his trainers after the win in Warrington

YOUNG boxer Gary Richardson enjoyed a special victory when overcoming home fighter Owen Collins in a show at Warrington.

The 14-year-old from St Martins came out on top in a tough tussle against his opponent from Phoenix ABC – and dedicated the win to his grandfather Arthur Richardson who died two months ago.

It was his first fight since his death.

Bishop bags brace to lift St Martins

A BRACE from Chris Bishop helped lift St Martins out of the drop zone in the West Midlands League division one with a vital 3-1 win at fellow strugglers Wrens Nest.

Bishop, on his return to the starting XI, got the first when being released by man-of-the-match Dave Easthope who broke from deep.

Although Wrens Nest levelled, Calum Bennett restored the lead before the interval, and Bishop's second of the game from a Shawn Melusi cross sealed the points in the second period.

Buoyed by the win, the Saints bid to maintain their push towards safety at home to FC Stafford on Tuesday before entertaining Shropshire rivals Wem Town the following midweek week.

St Martins had travelled south to Dudley to face Wrens Nest, languishing second from bottom, and in desperate need of points to climb the table.

The game started end to end, Wrens nest taking the game to the Saints with George Austin the the busier of the goalkeepers with some routine saves.

But the visitors themselves looked a threat on the break, and were in front when Easthope released the returning Bishop whose tame shot struck a divot in the pitch and bounced over the keeper and into the net.

Wrens Nest pressed for an instant reply, but Austin was in solid form to keep everything out before being beaten by a goal that had a hint of controversy.

Jamie Hands appeared to be tripped off the ball, but the referee ignored the incident and the cross was delivered and headed into the goal to level matters. The Saints restored the lead right before half time when Melusi launched a terrific run, and Bennett nipped in to send a looping shot into the net.

Dan Stevens' side gave themselves some breathing space midway through the second half when more good work from Melusi down the right found Bishop whose shot was deemed to have crossed the line.

Latest golf returns from Shropshire golf clubs

HENLLE PARK

Club Stableford Division 1: D Graham 39pts (cb) G Gill 39pts; A Edwards 38pts. Division 2: W Rolfe 37pts; G Owen 33pts; C Roberts 32pts.

3 Clubs and a Putter Comp: I Harris 35pts; B O'Grady 32pts (cb); R Jones 32pts.

Seniors' Bowker Comp: R Owens, N Russell & M Jones 74pts; F Woolnough, D Houghton & C Chare 72pts; J Postle, A Edwards & A Elwin 70pts.

LLANYMYNECH

Texam: D Phillips, T Hammet, T Young, N Roberts 97pts; S Nash, M Oakley, A Williams 96pts (b9); I Tomkewycz, J Tomkewycz, P Anderson, L Cook 96pts.

March Stableford (12 Holes) Division 1: D Caldwell 28pts; N Clewlow 26pts; S Pritchard 25pts; Division 2: P Whale 27pts; H Jones 27pts; R Jones 26pts; Division 3: M Owen 28pts; B Sudlow 26pts; M Shakeshaft 26pts.

MILE END

February Stableford Division 1: P Jarvis 36pts; D Smith 34pts; D Kershaw 34pts. Division 2: J Turner 36pts; P Cattaneo 36pts; A Stansbie 34pts; Division 3: N Jarvis 36pts; D Griffiths 33pts; C Wildblood 33ts.

Saturday Social Winners: D Bradbury, B Jones, R Grocott 95pts. Runners Up: J Turner, R Meyer, D Smith, T Cartwright 79pts.

Ladies' Monday Stableford Division 1: J Turner 34pts; J Bennett 27pts; M Wood 25pts.

OSWESTRY

Texas Scramble: M Jones, P Taylor, S Roberts, J Harris 62-3.7=58.3; I Pearce, G Williams, P Evans, S Probert 63-4.4=58.6; G Huggett, A Lewis, S Pierce, G Griffiths 65-5.7=59.3.

Ladies' Three Clubs and a Putter (18 holes) Mystery Team: V Challinor, E Moss, M Brogden 72pts; D Hall 36pts; M Shakeshaft 29pts. Equal 3rd: D Mottram, A Colquhoun, G Woolham & R Wigley, S Baxter, M Green 27pts.

(9 Holes) Mystery Team: S Kelly, G Baines Jones, G Ankers 37pts; J Williams 20pts; J Goff 18pts. Equal 3rd: E Gill & W Horan 17pt; J Shaw 15pts.

SHREWSBURY

Ladies' 18 Hole Stableford Division 1: M Scott 35pts; S Pritchard 33pts; C Burgan 32pts. Division 2: H Fabian 36pts; C Russell 32pts; P Turner 29pts. Division 3: A Oliver 30pts; K George 26pts; M Harris 24pts.

THE BROW

March Monthly Medal Winner: B Stuttard 78-13=65. Best Gross: M Clark 80. Division 1: T Brough 83-16=67; Division 2: B Thomas 92-22=70.

WREKIN

Seniors' Winter Stableford 11 (15 Hole): I Bullock 30/11; P McIntyre 30/9; D Pegge 27/14. Twos: P McIntyre (7th); A Denver (12th).

Injury proves costly as COBRA lose out

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

A HEART-breaking defeat at the hands of Caernarfon kept lowly COBRA languishing deep in the relegation zone in rugby's North Wales League division one.

The Meifod men were always in the ascendancy, and looked well placed for a much needed victory before being edged out 23-22 late on to finish with just one bonus point.

Defeat was tough to take after all their efforts, with the complexion of the game changing in the second half when the visitors lost their prop through injury, which led to uncontested scrums.

Up until then, COBRA had bossed the scrums, but Caernarfon used the situation to their advantage as they managed to get a platform in the last quarter to claw their way back from a 22-13 deficit

Despite the loss, COBRA have now trimmed the gap to three points on Bethesda who, lying one place above, they visit in a crunch clash a week on Saturday.

Bethesda also lost last weekend, crashing 50-7 away to high flying Nant Conwy, while Ruthin - who are four points above the Llanfair side - succumbed 46-3 at home to second place Pwllheli.

The Meifod side were left to reflect what might have been on a frustrating afternoon which could have seen them emerge with five points as opposed to just the one.

High kick

Caernarfon started well, and were ahead early on when their winger pounced to score from a high kick, with the conversion added.

COBRA were back on terms as centre Harry Jukes kicked through the defence to touch down, and added the conversion, before a penalty saw the visitors edge 10-7 in front.

The home side got their noses ahead when a well worked move down the right released fullback Richard Jones to score in the corner, the conversion missed, before the north Wales visitors kicked a penalty to lead 13-12 at the interval.

COBRA dominated the early phases of the second period, Jukes kicking ahead for a second try which he converted to put his side 19-13 up.

After the game went down to uncontested scrums on 54 minutes, the hosts extended their advantage through a penalty from Jukes.

At that stage they looked on course for a valuable win, but Caernarfon clawed their way back with a penalty and then a converted try after being camped in the home side's 22.

Even then, COBRA had a chance to win it at the death, but fullback Jones could not capitalise on a promising situation.

With four games remaining, all is not lost, but victory would have made life a whole lot more straightforward for the Meifod side who will need to continue with that level of performance,

WELSHPOOL had no action in the North Wales division three north east as visitors Machynlleth called off, while it was the same story for the youth team with Colwyn Bay pulling out of their fixture.

Oswestry fly-half Louis MacKenzie looks to clear the danger as the Eagles battle to withstand the Glossop onslaught in the heavy South Lancs/Cheshire division one defeat. ■ *Pic: Martin Ord.*

Chances go begging as Guils beaten

GUILFIELD'S mixed season continued as they were left to rue missed chances in their 2-1 reverse at Holywell Town to lose more ground on the leading pack in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Jamie McDaid gave the Wellmen a sixth minute lead, Jake Cook levelled with a penalty on the hour, but Jon Jones restored the home advantage moments later.

That proved enough to earn the home side the spoils, and their fourth win in a row, while keeping the Guils in eighth position in the table.

Dan Barton's side were behind after just six minutes when Mark Winslade picked up the ball and laid off to McDaid who ran forward before firing home past keeper Dave Littleford.

The visitors went close to levelling when Callum Bromley's low cross flew just inches wide of John Rushton's post, and then had a goal disallowed when Aaron Edwards was in an offside position as he took his shot.

With time running out in the first half, Shaun Tuck had a good chance to increase Town's lead, but keeper Littleford pulled off a terrific save.

McDaid fired inches wide of the post before Edwards had a shot blocked by Gareth Sudlow at the other end.

The Guils again went close when Chris Cathrall hit the post with a free kick just before half time before the ball was cleared.

But they were back on terms on the hour when Edwards was brought down just inside the box, and Cook dispatched the resulting penalty.

The leveller lifted Guilsfield and they almost added a second goal a few moments later when Cook fired inches wide.

But it was the Wellmen regained their lead in the 65th minute when Jon Jones fired home a loose ball following a Steve Thomas corner.

The Mid Wales men pressed for a leveller, with Callum Bromley's cross eluding everyone in a packed goalmouth, while Edwards then fired over as Town held on for the three points.

Point – but Morda suffer spot of bother

A MISSED penalty meant Morda United had to settle for a share of the points in their Montgomeryshire League division one clash against an impressive Berriew reserves side who they had defeated just a week before in the Village Cup.

This entertaining encounter was open throughout with Joe Kilvert scoring his first goal for United.

A brace from Josh Gethin put the Rhiewsiders ahead before Owen Davies struck late on to earn a share of the spoils at 2-2.

The previous week's cup tie was closer than the 5-3 score line suggested, and this week's encounter started in the same vein with little to choose between the sides for the first 20 minutes.

Morda then began to have the upper hand with Harry Davies going close with a volley, while the same player was then involved in a fine flowing move with Dylan Ellis which ended with Kilvert hitting the opener.

Play became end to end as Jamie Evans hit the side netting for United and Zac Williams in the home goal pulled off a fine save from Ryan Jenkins.

Berriew then levelled 10 minutes before the break when Josh Gethin fired home a cross from Michael Henderson-Smith, while Morda were denied an equaliser on the stroke of half time when Dylan Ellis had a fine shot saved by keeper Steve Rowlands.

Both sides maintained the momentum and played good football in the second period, with Berriew taking the lead when the impressive Gethin hit his second.

A trip on Jamie Evans gave Morda the chance of an equaliser but Dylan Ellis' penalty was saved by Steve Rowlands.

Morda continued to chase an equaliser and were successful late in the game when skipper and central defender Steve Bishton joined the attack and fed Owen Davies whose fine shot secured the point they deserved.

This performance pleased manager John Davies and his assistant Colin Turner, with the youngsters recently drafted into the squad continuing to impress.

Top guns still firing at top of league

SHOOTING by John Bridgwater

THE top three sides maintained their positions in the Montgomeryshire and District Airgun League - with Churchstoke staying hard on the heels of the leaders.

Although they are two points behind, Stoke still have two re-arranged matches to be shot and four points up for grabs, so the pellets are in their hands.

However, their opponents in those matches will be Crew Green A and Castle who will have something to say about the destiny of the league crown.

Leaders Guilsfield A maintained top spot with a comfortable home win 203.5 to 190.9 over a depleted Newtown side due to illness The home team's Keiron Cornell (35.4) and Paul Phillips (35.3) both fired possibles.

They are two points clear of Arddleen who were away at Guilsfield B and went home with the victory 203.1 to 198.1 to hold on to second spot with a higher average score.

Andy Lawrence (35.5) and Richard Lewis (35.5) bagged possibles for the away side.

Churchstoke, level with Ardleen, maintained their push for the title with an outstanding home display which shellshocked an improving Llanfair team 210.3 to 194.2

The home team scored an amazing four possibles in a team of the week display, with Jane Thomas (35.6) just missing that .1 for a maximum. She was rightly the top shooter in a week that saw 13 possibles of 35s.

Also in form were Malcolm Jukes (35.2), Paul Gwilliam (35.4) and Alan Baker (35.5) who had almighty head to head against Llanfair's Dai Tom Williams who also shot a 35.4 possible.

Crew Green A entertained Castle Caereinion in the match of the week and used home advantage and the more consistent team performance to take this closely contested affair 201.3 to 197.6 to leapfrog them in the table up into fourth. Captain Nigel Kelton recorded a well deserved possible of 35.2.

Richard Morgan (35.2) and Richey Williams (35.2) replied with possibles for Castle.

Crew Green B had an away trip to Forden and came away victors 197.6 to 186.8. Joe Hilditch, with a 35.3 possible, top scoring for the visitors.

While best team match was Crew Green A against Castle, the individual accolade goes to the head-to-head showdown between Alan Baker (35.5) and Dai Tom Williams (35.4) which went down to the last shot for that .1 win for Baker.

Champs TNS looking to set points record

THE New Saints looks to maintain their most dominant season in the Dafabet Welsh Premier when they head to Cardiff Met University on Saturday (2.30pm), **writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.**

Having clinched a sixth successive league crown, TNS showed they are in no mood to ease up after defeating second placed Bala Town 3-2 last Sunday to move 23 points clear at the top.

Victory took their league tally to 73 points, having dropped just five points all season, and they now look on course for their best points return since the league's Super 12 was launched.

Last season, they won the title with a more modest 64 points from their 32 games, before notching their best haul of 77 the year before - a target which is well within their sights.

Points tallies in their other recent title wins are 73 (2013-14), 76 (2012-13) and 74 (2011-12).

Treble

They now make the trip to Cardiff Met's Cyncoed Campus on Saturday, looking for a fourth win against the students.

However, the league's newest club have proved stiff opposition this season before their results have dipped in recent weeks.

And the Saints showed that they won't be resting on their laurels after the 3-2 win against plucky Bala, in which they secured victory courtesy of a couple of late goals.

With such a strong squad at his disposal, and the title done and dusted, boss Craig Harrison looks set to give some of his fringe players some game time in the coming weeks,

However, with a third successive trophy treble in his side's grasp, the Saints chief will also be anxious to maintain the momentum ahead of the Welsh Cup semi-final against Gap Connah's Quay at Bangor City's stadium on Saturday, April 1.

European bronze for shot ace Adele

ATHLETE Adele Nicoll is savouring one of her biggest successes in her young career after securing a podium place on the international stage.

Representing Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Welshpool shot putter turned in a terrific display to win bronze in the European under-23 Throwing Cup in Gran Canaria.

It's been a super start to the season for the 20-year-old who has overcome a winter of injury by continuing last season's fine form. Last weekend was another landmark, finishing third among a top class field for her age range, and narrowly missing out on silver.

"I am absolutely over the moon to win my first European medal with a season's best throw of 16.21 metres, and being beaten to the silver in the last round," said the former Oswestry Olympian.

The event was won by Sweden's Fanny Roos with a throw of 17.53m, while Alena Pasechnik of Belarus pipped Nicoll to second with 16.33m.

Town set for bumper Liverpool crowd

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

FC OSWESTRY Town are looking for supporters to come out in force on Saturday when they face one of their biggest games of the season at home to title chasing City of Liverpool (3pm).

The Merseysiders, lying second in the Hallmark North West League division one, are expected to bring around 200 fans to Park Hall for the encounter.

And Town are hoping local fans will also help make their presence felt as they bid to build on their current position of 10th in the table.

"It's going to be a big day for us," said manager Mike Barton. "They are one of the big sides in the league and expect to bring 200 fans, so we want to have a good local support ourselves."

Town can go into the game in good heart after last weekend's 2-1 home win against Carlisle City cemented their place in the top half of the table in their first season in the league.

Second half goals from Dan Tinsley and substitute Jack Harris secured the spoils, while new signing Sam Ottley, an attacking right back, also made his mark on his debut.

Ottley is a former Barnsley youngster, and had loan spells with Alfreton Town and Sutton Coldfield. The 19-year-old has joined the Oswestry club on loan to the end of the season.

"He made a massive difference to us, and will be a very good player," said Barton.

Fortunes are looking up for ST MARTINS in the West Midlands League division one after their 3-1 win away to Wrens Nest boosted hopes of clear of any basement danger.

It was a timely victory after the previous week's six-goal beating at Wednesfield in the league cup

"It was a good response and what made it better was that we were down to the bones," said manager Dan Stevens.

EAGLES ISSUE RALLYING CALL

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

OSWESTRY rugby club have issued a rallying call after suffering one of the most dismal days in the club's history when being thumped by over 100 points away to Glossop.

Looking for their first league win of the South Lancs and Cheshire One campaign, the depleted Eagles were grounded 104-3 against strong opponents on a day to forget in the Peak District.

The visitors were hindered by the withdrawal of some key personnel, forcing coach Dan Samuels to use players out of position - and even include himself on the bench, while also having to run the line.

They have now lost 19 of their 20 league games this term, the other being drawn, and remain well adrift at the foot of the table.

On the back of their record league defeat, the Granville Park club has issued a call to arms ahead of Saturday's rearranged home clash against Broughton Park (2pm).

"It's going to be another tough game, so we now need everyone to pull together, rally around and get behind the club," said a club spokesman.

"It's the first time in the club's history that we have lost by 100 points, and we're not proud of it,

"With the players we had missing, we thought about calling the game off, but felt it was right that we should fulfil the fixture.

"Last season, when we got promotion, we had a lot of support, but with us losing, that support has waned."

The Eagles now have six league games left to restore their pride, while they also have a semi final in the North Mids Shield on the horizon.

A makeshift team made the long journey to Glossop in the Peak District with two players dropping out at the last moment, leaving Samuels with no option but to put the boots on himself.

The scoreline says it all with Glossop putting seven tries past the Eagles in the first half, and nine in the second as they took advantage of their weakened hosts.

Meanwhile, Oswestry II came close to shocking Bedians II in the North West Freshlet League division four (south) before being edged out 22-17.

Wales call-up for ace Connor

Thirteen-year-old Oswestry golfer Connor Owen, who has been selected for Wales U16s

AT just 13 years of age, Oswestry School second form pupil Connor Owen has been selected to play for the under-16 Wales golf team.

The youngster will play in an international tournament against Scotland, Ireland and Holland at Prestatyn Golf Club this Easter.

Connor started playing golf aged six and almost immediately made his mark by winning the Welsh Mini Masters under-sevens age group at Celtic Manor.

At nine, the Oswestry Golf Club rookie joined the founding Golf Union Wales "Nursery Squad", which was the first time the GUW had thought about opportunities for players of this age. He was the youngest to be selected, and has been an integral member of this squad since then and currently plays with the Regional B squad (the national under-15s).

Connor is a member of Oswestry, Aberdovey and St Giles (Newtown) Golf Clubs, but plays the majority of his golf at Oswestry.

Alongside his Wales commitments, the youngster is heavily involved in the Shropshire and Herefordshire county team whom he has captained at under-14 level and represented the under-16s.

Llan boss: Big games on horizon

PRESSURE is mounting on Llanfair United in their battle to escape the clutches of relegation from the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

A hard-fought 2-1 defeat to Caernarfon Town saw Town slip to second bottom, and now six points adrift of guaranteed safety with nine games remaining. They have now picked up just one point from their last eight league games.

United were facing up to a crucial week with two away games against their basement rivals, first up a trip to Conwy Borough on Wednesday night before heading to improving Ruthin Town on Saturday.

"We've got some big games coming up, but we can take a lot of positives from our performance against Caernarfon," said manager Rhys Stephens.

"We were struggling for numbers, but we dug in, and the lads who played really put in a shift.

Safety

"No one knows how many teams will go down, you need to finish fourth bottom to be guaranteed safety, but we will hope to finish as high as we can and see what happens.

"We've got games in hand, but we need to make the most of those games. Maybe four wins, or even three, will be enough to keep us up."

GUILSFIELD, lying eighth in the table, look to get back to winning ways at home to lowly Conwy Borough on Saturday (2.30pm).

It has been a mixed campaign for the Guils, who had threatened to get among the leading places, but a run of just five points from their last six outings has held them back.

Welshpool braced for real six-pointer

WELSHPOOL Town face a crunch showdown with Tywyn Bryncrug on Saturday (2.30) as they battle to avoid relegation in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

The Lilywhites slipped closer the drop after their 2-1 loss to Llandrindod Wells who took the spoils with a late winner last weekend.

That kept them two points adrift of Tywyn with just four games remaining, while their fellow strugglers have eight matches to play.

So Pool need to win to give themselves any hope of preserving first division status for next season.

MONTGOMERY, who are already destined to the drop, face a trip to lowly Machynlleth.

BERRIEW bid to shake off a dip in form when they host Bow Street in the quarter-finals of the Spar Mid Wales Laegue Cup on Saturday.

Having seen their title bid fade away, the Rhiewsiders will want to keep alive their cup quest against their in-form visitors.

Without a game for two weeks, Llanrhaeadr return to duty with a trip to Radnor Valley in the last eight of the cup.

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